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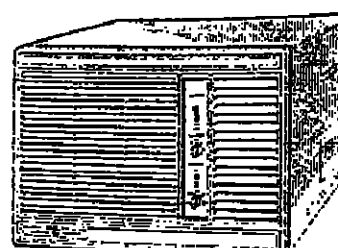


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150 reported dead in Danube boat tragedy

VIENNA, Sept. 11, (AP): At least 150 passengers were killed yesterday when their Romanian pleasure boat collided with a Bulgarian tugboat on the Danube river and sank, the Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, reported today.

Romanian officials did not immediately confirm the Tanjug report, which gave no sources.

The accident occurred yesterday near the port city of Galati, 200 kilometres (125 miles) northeast of Bucharest. The Romanian ship sank "in conditions of poor visibility," the official Romanian Agerpres news agency reported yesterday.

Agrepre said 18 of the ship's 169 passengers were rescued. The Romanian report was unclear on whether the 13 crew were among those saved.

Tanjug, in a report today from Bucharest, said the cruise ship sank so fast that only 18 people could be rescued. It also said the ship had only 10 crew members.

The reports did not give the nationalities of the passengers. However, the Independent newspaper of London said that apart from the 13 crew, most of the 169 passengers aboard the Mogosoia "were almost certainly Western tourists." The newspaper report from Vienna quoted Danube shipping officials in the Austrian capital.

Amir to Africa, France

By Hussain Salameh

HH the Amir will visit France later this month.

Stressing the importance of the Amir's visit, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said yesterday the Kuwaiti and French leaders will concentrate on ways to solve the Third World debt crisis and this issue will prominently figure during the talks.

The Amir is expected to meet with French President Mitterrand separately, while the Kuwaiti delegation accompanying the Amir will hold several rounds of talks with French officials. The Kuwaiti delegation is expected to be formed later this week.

Kuwaiti ambassador to France, Dr. Tareq Al Razzouki who is in Kuwait at present, told the Arab Times that the two leaders will discuss the Lebanese crisis, debt problem and the Palestinian issue, among other topics of mutual concern.

Razzouki will leave Kuwait for France on Thursday to prepare for the visit. He said that Kuwaiti information week will be organised in Paris one week before the visit.

The visit will take place after Amir's visit to Baghdad.

The Amir will leave France on an African tour expected to take him to five states in the continent.

Thousands vote in freedom flood

Joy, disbelief as German refugees swarm West

PASSAU, West Germany, Sept. 11, (Agencies): Thousands of East German refugees streamed into West Germany today after Hungary defied a Warsaw Pact ally and allowed them to leave the country.

More than 2,000 refugees entered Bavaria via Austria from Hungary by mid-morning, with hundreds more streaming in later in the day. Austrian border officials said 5,700 had entered the country by mid-afternoon.

In Budapest, officials of the West German charity running the camps said buses carrying the last of the approximately 7,000 registered refugees had left.

The total reportedly could top 10,000. It was the greatest flood of East German refugees since 1961, the year the Berlin Wall halted the flow to the West.

Official East German news media today charged Hungary "under the guise of humanitarianism is engaging in organised smuggling of humans."

East Berlin today lashed out at West Germany and Hungary over the mass exodus of East German refugees. It said Budapest had violated bilateral accords and implied that Bonn had paid it to open its borders.

"This is an unprecedented event in international life and in relations between sovereign states. It represents open interference in the internal affairs of East Germany," said the official ADN news agency in an angrily-worded commentary.

Hungarian radio compared the East Germans' departure by car, bus and train to a New Year's Eve celebration "with horns blaring and people shouting."

Many refugees were cheering and shouting as they reached Bavaria. Some hopped out of small cars packed with as many as six people and jubilantly flashed victory signals.

"I decided on escaping 27 years ago, and today it worked. It's a feeling that's just tops, just wild," a 40-year-old Leipzig man said after crossing into West Germany at Passau.

Single people, couples and families with children made the journey from Hungary to West Germany — by bus and in rickety old sedans, such as East German Trabants and Yugoslav Zastavas. Some came by motorcycle.

"We did not really plan to come here, but when we heard about the opening of the (Hungarian-Austrian) border, we decided this was a chance," said 20-year-old Volkmar Windt, who crossed into West Germany on a motorcycle with his twin.

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'Prosecute' Papa Pasok

ATHENS, Sept. 11, (Reuters): A Greek parliamentary committee recommended today that former Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu be prosecuted on charges of phone tapping during his eight years in office.

"We recommend... his prosecution for illegal telephone tapping" of political opponents, newspaper and journalists, and for violating the constitutional right to privacy of communications, said the report submitted to parliament.

It was the first recommendation against Papandreu by one of the committees investigating a series of scandals that rocked the Socialist government before its crushing defeat in the June elections.



'We'll be free'

An East German mother holds her child and weeps with joy after it was announced on Hungarian television that Hungary would open its borders with

Austria to allow 6,500 East German refugees to go to the West. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fires trap Lebanese

Iraq pushes emergency summit

BEIRUT, Sept. 11, (Agencies): Syrian gunboats seized a ship carrying food supplies off the beleaguered Christian enclave today amid tank and artillery barrages that trapped thousands of people in wooded mountain towns ringed by flames.

Police said 12 people were killed and 37 wounded in the duels in the central mountains that form the eastern flank of the enclave and in clashes along Beirut's dividing Green Line.

That raised the casualty toll to at least 845 killed and 2,511 wounded since March 8, when the fighting erupted between Christian commander Gen Michel Aoun's troops and the Syrian Army.

The fires raged out of control all day. The artillery barrages eased later in the morning, but escalated anew in the afternoon sending scores of projectiles crashing in residential neighbourhoods of both East and West Beirut as well as the hills above the capital.

Two Syrian gunboats intercepted the merchant ship Carla

about 20 miles off the coast of the Christian enclave at mid-morning, a police spokesman said. He cannot be named under standing instructions.

The vessel was escorted to the Syrian-controlled port of Tripoli in North Lebanon, the spokesman said. He had no information about its nationality or owners.

Later in the day, a Syrian gunboat fired warning salvos around another cargo ship, identified only as the Timex, as it sailed toward the Christian port of Jounieh. The vessel veered off and steamed away, the spokesman said.

The Syrian Navy has turned back several ships trying to defy the six-month-old blockade of the Christian sector in recent weeks. Eight vessels have been sunk or set on fire by Syrian artillery.

The artillery battles ended following several days of sporadic clashes. They were the heaviest to engulf the mountains since the United Nations Security Council appealed for a ceasefire Aug. 16.

The upsurge came two days

before an Arab League mediation committee was due to meet in Saudi Arabia to discuss reactivating a stalled peace initiative.

Iraq will urge Arab League ministers meeting in Tunis to call for an emergency Arab summit to press Syria to withdraw its army from Lebanon, a senior Iraq official said today.

The official, who requested anonymity, told the Associated Press that Iraq believes an emergency summit would be the best way for the 22-member Arab League to move to end Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

All Arab efforts to secure a ceasefire in Lebanon and formulate a political settlement to end the civil war have foundered. But the United States, the Soviet Union, France and other major powers have made clear they believe the war can only be ended through Arab mediation.

The storm centres of the fighting during the night were Ein El Tuffah, 18 miles (29 kilometres) east of Beirut, and the Christian

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'Farewell my child'

Mrs. Hilda Levy (right) mother of 13-year-old Ricardo Levy who was shot dead by South African riot police last Wednesday, is comforted by a friend during her

son's funeral. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Desai fights

CHICAGO, Sept. 11, (Reuters): Former Indian prime minister Morarji Desai, 93 and in poor health, goes to court in the United States this week in a six-year-old libel case against prize-winning author Seymour Hersh.

Despite his advanced years and the fading chapter of history involved in the dispute, Desai has no plans to retreat from the case, although he will probably be unable to attend the Chicago trial in person, an aide said.

At issue is an allegation Hersh made in his book "The Price of Power" that Desai was a paid informant for the US Central Intelligence Agency.

The jury trial is scheduled to begin on Wednesday. Desai's lawyer is asking for \$100 million in damages.

Hersh, a former New York Times reporter who won a Pulitzer prize for exposing the My Lai massacre during the Vietnam war, said in his book Desai accepted \$20,000 a year from the CIA during the administration of former president Lyndon Johnson to reveal Indian secrets.

Desai is only a minor figure in the book published in 1983 which is largely a savage attack on Henry Kissinger's foreign policy decisions under former president Richard Nixon.

'Democracy our goal'

AMMAN, Sept. 11, (Reuters): The President of Marxist South Yemen said today his country was moving towards democracy and improving its relations with the rest of the Arab world.

Haider Abubaker Al-Atas, ending a three-day visit to Jordan, also said contacts with the United States would start later this month on restoring diplomatic ties.

Rajiv, Sonia fly in Mother Teresa fine

CALCUTTA, Sept. 11, (AP): Mother Teresa was feeling better today as she continued to recover from a heart attack, a nursing home said, and the famed humanitarian got a visit and a bouquet of flowers from Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun, who was put on a pacemaker during the weekend after suffering the heart attack on Friday, was feeling "much better," according to statement by Woodlands Nursing Home.

"Mother Teresa had a good night's sleep. Her heartbeat is regular and she has no temperature," the statement said.

Rajiv and his wife, Sonia, flew to Calcutta to see Mother Teresa, who gave up a comfortable life as a convent teacher to care for the poor and dying in the slums of this eastern Indian city. She won the 1979 Nobel peace prize for her work.

During the 10-minute visit in her hospital room, Mother Teresa put her arms around Rajiv and told him: "I have seen you as a boy and now you have grown up," according to administrator Deba Prosad Barroah.

Rajiv talked with hospital officials about Mother Teresa's health and asked if they needed anything for her treatment, Barroah said.

Earlier, Mother Teresa's longtime friend and cardiologist, Dr. Vincenzo Bilotti, arrived from Rome. Bilotti examined her, reviewed her medical records and said he was "in agreement with the treatment given," Barroah said.

Hospital officials said Mother Teresa was still in intensive care but she was responding well to antibiotics and a temporary pacemaker. The small, cassette-like pacemaker was attached on Saturday night through a wire passing through one of Mother Teresa's hands.

Mother Teresa was still attached to the pacemaker, but it had been switched off since her heartbeat was stable, hospital officials said today.

Mother Teresa became ill on Sept. 3 and was hospitalized two days later with a high fever and irregular heartbeat.



Imelda Marcos addresses a gathering of supporters who attended a birthday celebration for Marcos in Hawaii. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cory to Marcos: Many more — over there

MANILA, Sept. 11, (Agencies): Some 1,000 supporters of Ferdinand Marcos in a rally today celebrating his 72nd birthday demanded the return of the ailing former dictator, but President Corason Aquino stood firm on her decision not to allow him to come back.

"I pray that God will give him blessings on this day so that... his health will physically improve and God will give him the graces necessary to do what is best not only for himself but also for the Filipino people," Aquino told reporters.

Asked about a resolution urging Marcos' return signed by more than 80 congressmen and published in the daily Manila Standard today, Aquino said she did not think this was in the "national interest."

Carrying signs demanding the return of Marcos and banners wishing him "Happy birthday," a crowd estimated by police at more than 1,000 assembled at a downtown square in front of the central post office.

A singer calling herself Ilang Ilang sang a Filipino pop song entitled "It's time to be merry"

while strewing the crowd with crumpled 10- and five-peso bills and causing pandemonium.

Red, white and blue balloons and bunting adorned a makeshift stage where speakers extolled Marcos and said he was strong enough to make the trip back home "in due time." At nightfall, the crowd lit candles as they sang before dispersing peacefully.

Marcos supporters said masses and rallies were scheduled in his northern hometown of Ilocos Norte, but this could not be confirmed. Telephone lines to the

provincial capital of Laoag were down for most of the day following a weekend onslaught by typhoon Sarah, which left at least 17 people dead in the region and caused widespread flooding.

Marcos is battling for his life in a Honolulu hospital, where he has been confined since Jan. 15 for lung, heart and kidney failures. Last July, doctors removed a transplanted kidney and the former dictator was reported being kept alive by a respirator and a dialysis machine.



'Angel of death'

Former nurse Michaela Roeder, known as 'Angel of Death' outside court where she was sentenced to 11 years in jail in Wuppertal for murdering five elderly patients by lethal injection. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Rival political rallies mark Jinnah's death anniversary

KARACHI, Sept 11, (AP): Hundreds of thousands of Pakistanis joined flag-waving processions and rival political rallies today to mark the 41st anniversary of the death of Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the nation's founder.

In Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, throngs of peasants chanted "Long live democracy" and "Long live Bhutto" as they arrived on buses, donkey carts and

anything on wheels for a rally of the ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP), where Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was to speak.

Unofficial estimates placed the crowd at more than 200,000. It was to be Benazir's first public rally in her native Sind province since she became government leader last December.

The PPP colours of red, black and

green fluttered from light poles lining the boulevards of the sprawling seaport where Jinnah is buried.

Posters bearing images of him, Benazir and her late father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, were displayed all over the city.

In Lahore, provincial capital of Punjab, the colours were the green and

white of her political opposition, a nine-party conservative grouping called the Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA).

Tens of thousands converged at the Mochi Gate of Lahore's old city for a speech by Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif, Benazir's most outspoken rival.

But Punjab, which holds 60 per cent of Pakistan's 107 million people and most of its wealth, went to the IDA.

Pakistan's two other provinces are ruled by multi-party coalitions from

both sides in addition to independents. Jinnah was called the Quaid-e-Azam, or "great leader," of Muslims in what was once British colonial India.

He was Pakistan's first chief executive when the nation was carved out of west India at independence in 1947. He died of cancer the following year at the age of 71.

Mayor hurt in Manila ambush

MANILA, Sept 11, (AP): Government and rebel forces clashed in central Luzon and five guerrillas were killed; the military said today.

A military report said one member of the New People's Army was captured after a 20-minute firefight on Saturday in the municipality of Porac in Pampanga province, 40 miles (60 kilometres) northwest of Manila.

The military said the same rebel band was responsible for last week's killing of two Filipino soldiers returning to camp a few kilometres from the US-run Clark Air Base, north of Manila.

In another incident, four guerrillas ambushed a car carrying a provincial mayor early today, killing three people and wounding the official, police said.

Police investigator Arturo Cortez said Enrico Lorenzo, mayor of the central Luzon town of San Isidro, was wounded in the shoulder when attackers in another car fired on his vehicle as it drove along a bridge in Manila's Santa Mesa district about 1 a.m.

Cortez said the attackers overtook Lorenzo's car and opened fire, killing instantly his driver and bodyguard. Lorenzo's wife Aurora died later in a hospital, Cortez said.

Lorenzo was visiting a relative in Manila when the incident happened, Cortez said.

Investigators said the attack may have been politically motivated but ruled out communist assassins, who have been blamed for most street killings in Manila.

Meanwhile, in another incident, four unknown attackers raided an armoury at the headquarters of the Philippine Army and made off with more than 20 weapons, the military said today.

One suspect was arrested shortly after the raid late Saturday at the arms room of the 69th infantry battalion at Fort Bonifacio in the Manila suburb of Makati.

A military spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the attackers stabbed a guard 18 times, then broke into the armoury and fled with two M-60 machine guns, three M-14 rifles and 18 M-16 rifles.

Maj. Gen. Manuel Cacanando, commander of the Philippine Army, identified the arrested man as a former soldier. Cacanando said he was detained while trying to slip out of the sprawling garrison and still was being interrogated.

Fort Bonifacio includes the headquarters of the Philippine Army as well as an American military cemetery for soldiers killed in the Pacific theatre during World War II.

Government forces killed 27 communist rebels in clashes during the weekend on Mindanao island in the southern Philippines, the military said today.

It said 20 guerrillas died when the army pounded the rebels' hill-top position with air and artillery bombardment in a three-hour clash on Friday in north Cotabato province. One soldier was killed in the encounter.

About 100 students rallied today outside the US embassy to demand the closing of American military bases in the Philippines.

Vice-chancellor gunned down

31 killed in Sri Lankan clashes

COLOMBO, Sept 11, (Agencies): Police suspected Sinhalese radicals in the slaying of a university official following the killing of the campus security chief of security, military officials said.

Elsewhere, a government communiqué said 29 other people had died in ethnic violence since yesterday. Military officials who cannot be identified under briefing rules said two gunmen stormed into the office of Vice-Chancellor Chandraratne Patuwathavithane at Moratuwa University and opened fire. Patuwathavithane, a 60-year-old engineering professor, was shot in the head, they said.

The gunmen shot the university's security chief at the campus entrance before going to the vice-chancellor's office, the officials said.

Police said they believed the attackers, who escaped on a motorcycle, belong to an extremist Sinhalese group, the People's Liberation Front, which has been trying for two years to overthrow the Sinhalese-dominated government.



Sweet to be back

Toivo Ja Toivo (left) secretary-general of the South West African People's Organisation kisses the ground on his arrival in Windhoek after four years in exile. With him is Swapo national chairman David Meroro.

Toivo and Meroro and other senior members of the guerrilla movement arrived in Windhoek on a chartered Angolan Airlines plane to a low-key welcome.

Toivo and Meroro fell to their knees and kissed the tarmac. "Home, sweet home. It's very sweet to be back," said Toivo, who went into exile after being released from a South African jail in 1984.

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Patuwathavithane was the second university professor to be killed by suspected Sinhalese radicals. A biology professor was shot to death earlier this year at the university, which is headed by noted science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke.

Patuwathavithane and the security chief were among 31 people killed since yesterday in continuing ethnic violence on this Indian Ocean island, a government communiqué said.

The victims included 16 civilians believed to have been killed by Sinhalese radicals: five Indian peacekeeping soldiers; five Tamil militants shot and killed in skirmishes with Indian troops and three Sinhalese militants shot by security forces, the communiqué said.

The killings occurred as government officials were preparing for an all-party meeting on Wednesday. The meeting, called by President Ranasinghe Premadasa, is aimed at resolving the ethnic problems that have claimed more than 16,000 lives in six years.

Premadasa sent invitations to all 23 recognised political parties. But three opposition parties — the Trotskyite Lanka Peoples' Party, the Communist Party and the New Peoples' Party — announced they would boycott the meeting. A spokesman said the groups would disclose their reasons later.

The two main Tamil guerrilla groups — the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam — said they would attend the conference.

The Tamil Tigers, who are demanding an independent homeland in the North and East, have been fighting Indian soldiers sent to the island two years ago to monitor a July 1987 peace accord aimed at ending the rebellion.

The accord offered the minority Tamils limited autonomy if they would surrender their weapons. But the Tigers rejected the accord, saying it did not meet their expectations, and turned their guns on Indian soldiers.

Sinhalese militants also opposed the government's peace overtures, arguing too many concessions had been granted to the Tamil community and saying the presence of Indian troops threatened the country's sovereignty.

The Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) was alleged to have strafed a little village, Karavetti in northern Vadamachchi with constant shelling killing a man who was strolling in his garden. His relative in Colombo was informed over the telephone today.

The Tigers have made a series of charges against the IPKF for destroying civilian lives and homes in northern Mullativu but the Indian High Commission denied the charges, saying the Indians will not indulge in such atrocities.

Gabrielle loses killing power

NEW YORK, Sept 11, (AP): Hurricane Gabrielle was downgraded to a tropical storm in the North Atlantic after its far-flung swells capsized boats from Maine to New York and swept beachgoers out to sea.

At least six people were missing, and three others apparently drowned.

"People shouldn't be out there," said Jared Randall, a Narragansett, Rhode Island police sergeant who rescued two teenagers from the water on Saturday night. "It's just so majestic and inviting, but it isn't safe."

Though hundreds of miles (kilometres) from land, Gabrielle's silent, windless surges stirred waters along the northeast over the weekend. Officials attributed the deaths to the sea swells, undertow and waves that reached 15 feet (4.5 metres), even on rivers.

Greatest flood of East Germans

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sister, Katrin. Hungary's action marks the first time a Warsaw Pact country has aided a mass exodus of refugees from an allied communist nation. East German leaders have expressed outrage at the Budapest government.

As the exodus began, West German news media reported that East German leader Erich Honecker, who supervised the Berlin Wall's construction, was in failing health.

The ZDF television network quoted Western diplomatic sources in Hungary as saying Honecker's medical condition "has deteriorated considerably."

"Critics in the politburo reportedly are charging that Honecker misjudged the meaning and scope of the wave of refugees," ZDF said.

There have been news reports the East German government was planning to curb travel to Hungary to prevent any further escapes, but so far the East Berlin leadership has denied it intends to impose such restrictions.

Some 16,000 East Germans have crossed the Czechoslovak border into Hungary over the past 24 hours, Budapest radio said today, apparently intent on joining an exodus of East German refugees to the West.

The radio said more East Germans were expected to arrive in Hungary from Romania and Bulgaria where they had spent their holidays.

In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said he would not comment on the Hungarian decision, but added:

"I can only say that in this story, there is one aspect that is sometimes overlooked, and it is very negative. That is the refusal of the government of the West Germany to recognise the citizenship of the East Germans."

Previously, Soviet spokesmen had called the refugees a Hungarian-German problem that the countries should work out themselves.

In Yugoslavia, meanwhile, about 100 Romanians who fled their communist country gathered today at a UN office in Belgrade, applying to be resettled in the West.

East German refugees streaming into West Germany today received an added boost — 4,000 job opportunities.

Honecker loses the will to live

HAMBURG, West Germany, Sept 11, (AP): The condition of East German leader Erich Honecker, who underwent gall bladder surgery last month, has deteriorated, West German news media reported today.

Government officials in Bonn declined comment on the reports. The ZDF television network quoted Western diplomatic sources in Hungary as saying Honecker's medical condition "has deteriorated considerably."

"According to information that allegedly comes from Communist Party officials, Honecker has no mental verve and no wish to get better," the network said.

Soviets pose a military threat in Far East, says Japan's defence agency

TOKYO, Sept 11, (Reuters): The Soviet Union poses a strong military threat in the Far East despite the recent relaxation in East-West tensions, Japan's defence agency said in a report.

The agency published details of estimated Soviet military strength in the region to show Moscow was improving the quality of forces stationed near Japan, despite cutting back on troop strength in the Far East.

The developments in the Soviet Far East forces pose a latent threat to Japan, the report said.

Other than ground forces, most Soviet Far

East forces are on Sakhalin Island, the sea of Okhotsk and the Kamchatka peninsula — all near Japan, the report said. These units are equipped with new and more effective weapons, it added.

"Since the advent of Mr Gorbachev as Soviet leader in 1985... the increase or improvement in the Soviet military has continued, particularly in the case of naval and air forces in the Far East," said defence agency official Yunkken Hironaka.

Last month, the agency asked the government for a 4.7 trillion yen (\$30.5 billion) bud-

get for fiscal 1990/91 starting next April, a 6.35 per cent increase on the current year.

"I think our basic idea is to continue the defence efforts that we have done in the past. At least, we should not lower the level of our defence efforts," Hironaka said.

By next year, the agency must also announce its five-year defence mid-term buildup programme for 1991-1995 as well as a long-term defence policy outline.

Military analysts said the report is designed to justify Japan's steady arms buildup domestically in the face of US demands that Tokyo

share more of the defence burden in the region.

The government of Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu faces an opposition majority bloc in Parliament's upper house, led by the Japan Socialist Party which favours defence spending cuts.

The agency report said up to a third of Soviet strategic nuclear forces, such as inter-continental and submarine-launched ballistic missiles, are deployed in the Soviet Far East.

Hironaka said the importance of the eastern part of the Soviet Union was increasing.



What a joy!

An East German refugee shows off a newly acquired West German passport and a bottle of 'Fortuna' in

Austria just before crossing the Hungarian border into Austria. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Truck destroyed: A petrol bomb destroyed a truck yesterday at a building site where modernisation work on the Rome subway is being carried out before the 1990 World Cup soccer finals.

A previously unknown group called the fighting Proletarian Front claimed responsibility for the bombing in leaflets sent to newspapers.

It said construction companies were responsible for unsafe conditions at building sites connected with World Cup projects.

The bomb, made of several canisters of petrol, hurt none.

Five workers died in Palermo, Sicily, last month when part of the city soccer stadium collapsed during modernisation work.

Twelve Italian cities will host the month-long soccer tournament next summer and improvement work is being carried out at stadiums and on communications, transport and tourist facilities.

Pilot error: Pilot error and bad weather caused a Philippine Airlines plane to overshoot the runway and slam into a busy highway last July, killing eight people, according to a report released yesterday.

About 90 people were also injured when the twin-engine BAC 1-11 jet plowed through a concrete wall, slammed into four vehicles along Manila's South expressway and came to rest on railway tracks. All the dead were in cars on the highway.

The government's Air Transportation Office (ATO) released a 13-page report on the July 21 accident after completing six weeks of investigation.

The probable cause of the accident was that the pilot exhibited poor judgement during landing and that the weather was contributory factor," said ATO chairman Oscar Alejandro, who read the findings to reporters.

Analysis of the flight recorders showed the pilot twice told tower controllers that he could not see the runway because of heavy rains as he made his approach after a flight from Zamboanga city, 540 miles (860 kilometres) to the south, Alejandro said.

IRA man jailed: IRA guerrilla Damien Nicell was jailed for a total of 92 years yesterday for his part in the murder of a British policeman in Northern Ireland last year and other crimes.

A Belfast court also convicted Nicell, 20, of conspiracy to murder, hijacking, arson, possession of guns and membership of the Irish Republican Army, which is fighting to

end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Nicell was found guilty of murdering 25-year-old constable Clive Graham, who was shot in the head and chest at a police checkpoint in Londonderry on March 21.

The judge told Nicell that he hoped the prospect of having to face life in prison "will be a dire warning to other young men thinking of getting involved with terrorist organisations."

Key issue: The publication of Salman Rushdie's book, *The Satanic Verses*, is the key issue facing Muslims in Britain today, a conference was told here.

During the opening session last night of annual meeting of the Union of Muslim Organisations of the UK and Ireland, the delegates expressed concern at what they regard as an insult to their faith by the controversial novel.

The *Satanic Verses* has caused "deep anguish and consternation to the Muslim community," the union's general secretary, the Indian-born Dr Syed Aziz Pasha said.

However, he called on the two million Muslims living in Britain not to stir violence over their complaint.

"We must continue to protest but it must be channelled in a dignified way. Those who acted in a violent way were not true Muslims, and we disassociate ourselves from them."

Swami recovering: A leader of the Hare Krishna religious sect, recovering in a Madrid hospital after being stabbed in the neck a week ago, denied yesterday that his attack was one of his followers.

Swami Jayapataka, an American member of the group's governing body, said prayers from followers around the world had speeded his recovery after the attack at Madrid's Barajas airport on September 3.

Jayapataka, who spent two days in intensive care, told reporters his attacker, named by police as Santiago Iaffa Sancho, apparently tried to kill him because he had a grudge against the Hare Krishna movement.

Iaffa, who was arrested after the attack, had attended a class given by the sect but was not a member, Jayapataka said.

Police had earlier said that Iaffa, a Spanish citizen originally from Argentina, was a member of the group and had attacked Jayapataka in a dispute over how the sect was run.

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LONDON, Sept. 11, (AP)—One year after "The Satanic Verses" went on sale, its author is still in hiding and virtually silent. He and his wife have split up, and no end to his predicament is in sight.

Liver transplant recipient

Parents' option

BOSTON, Massachusetts, Sept 11, (Reuters). Parents waiting for life-saving liver transplant operations for their children may soon have another option, and another dilemma: donating a

Aviatrix died of thirst: US team

LONDON: Sir Christopher Chancellor, who spent 29 years with Reuters news agency and was its general manager from 1944 to 1959, died in hospital at Wincanton in

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Kuwait, within 15 days.

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11. (Kuna): Fifteen countries will take part in an international song festival here on Oct 1.

garden-born actress with her regular

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Golden Triangle drugs flood Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11, (AP) — Increased drug production in the "Golden Triangle" of Laos, Burma and Thailand is creating a steady supply in Malaysia, Inspector-General of Police Haniff Omar said today.

Haniff, Malaysia's highest ranking police officer, told the opening of a five-day workshop that Malaysian authorities are capturing more of the contraband. But he quoted his Thai counterpart as saying that production in the Golden Triangle can be expected to double this year.

The US Drug Enforcement Agency is putting on the workshop to help Malaysian officials investigate, locate and seize drug traffickers' assets under laws recently passed in the Southeast Asian nation.

Drugs in Malaysia, including raw opium, heroin and marijuana, come mainly from the Golden Triangle through Thailand.

Haniff said seizures of third-grade heroin rose from 40.24 kilograms (88.7 pounds) in 1987 to 92.12 kilograms (203 pounds) in 1988 to 126.41 kilograms (278.6 pounds) in the first eight months of 1989.

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Damn SA, Tutu urges envoys

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 11, (AP) — Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu today asked diplomats from 15 countries to "condemn the brutalities" of security forces during recent clashes with anti-apartheid protesters.

Activists claim at least 23 and as many as 29 black and mixed-race people were killed Sept 6 in election night violence instigated by police in the townships outside Cape Town.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has called Tutu a liar and disputed the figures provided by activists. Vlok says 10 people were killed in a black-on-black factional fighting and five additional deaths are under investigation.

"Even if we dealt only with (the police) figure, it is a scandal," Tutu said. "Fifteen is a massacre."

Tutu and the Rev. Allan Boesak spent more than an hour at Tutu's Cape Town residence discussing the violence and a recent campaign to defy apartheid restrictions.

"My government believes it is important to listen to their concerns and their points of view, particularly about the recent deaths in the Cape Town area," US Ambassador William Swing said after the talks. "We are saddened by the reports of the deaths and we deplore this and all violence."

The British, Canadian, French, West German and Australian ambassadors also were present, along with representatives from nine more nations.

Tutu said he asked the diplomats to "unequivocally and categorically condemn the brutalities of the security forces."

Police and demonstrators have clashed almost daily since the launch of a nationwide protest campaign on Aug 2. The protests were designed to mobilize opposition to the segregated parliamentary elections Sept 6, but activists have vowed to press on with the civil disobedience.

Meanwhile, police headquarters today said that officers would stop whipping anti-apartheid demonstrators because of a "negative reaction" from the public.

Police have used whips along with live ammunition, rubber bullets, tear-gas and stun grenades to break up recent protests.

The whips, which police refer to as "quirts," were employed because "as a rule it may result in less serious injuries than, for example, batons," a police statement said.

But, the statement added, "the use of quirts has resulted in negative reaction from the public, also internationally, (so) it has been decided to stop its use."

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Three-party coalition: Outgoing Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers said today he wanted to form a three-party centre-right coalition government following victory for his Christian Democrats in general elections last week.

Lubbers, who will be heading a third consecutive government, told a news conference in The Hague that last Wednesday's vote pointed to a centre-right coalition with the right-of-centre Liberal Party (VVD) and the centrist D'66 Party rather than to a centre-left partnership with the Labour Party.

The Christian Democrats held their 54 seats in the 150-seat Lower House, retaining the largest party but needing at least one coalition partner for a majority.

Gorbachev will meet Pope: Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev will meet Pope John Paul II for the first time when the Soviet president travels to Italy in November, the Soviet Ambassador to Italy says.

"Yes, why not," replied Ambassador Nikolai Lukov when reporters in Genoa asked him Saturday if Gorbachev would meet with the Pope during the visit.

Although such a meeting has been considered likely, neither the Vatican nor the Kremlin had confirmed it will take place. The Polish-born Pootiff earlier this year said he would be ready to receive Gorbachev. (AP)

Adviser makes peace: Jewish leaders are backing Frederick V. Malek for a White House role after hearing the business executive's apology for an incident in the Nixon administration with anti-semitic overtones.

The White House said yesterday that President George Bush wants Malek to run next year's economic summit of Western industrialized nations, expected to be held in Texas.

Malek, 51, a central player in three major business deals this year, including the nearly \$4-billion takeover of north-west airlines, said he still must make arrangements with his partners before taking on the part-time White House post. (AP)

Signals picked up: A Norwegian salvage vessel today picked up signals from the flight recorder of a Norwegian charter aircraft which plummeted into the sea Friday killing all 55 on board, a ship spokesman said.

"We have picked up signals so we know we are in right area," said Odd Gulden, spokesman for the specialised recovery vessel Bergen Surveyor.

Gulden said his vessel was searching an area 10 miles northeast of the Danish fishing port of Hirtshals. (UPI)

Prison populists: The United States' prison population jumped by a record 46,004 inmates in the first six months of 1989 for a total of 673,565 men and women behind bars, the Bureau of Justice Statistics said yesterday.

The six-month leap broke the record not only for half-year increases but also was higher than any annual increase recorded during the 64 years that the government has counted prisoners, the bureau said.

The largest annual increase ever recorded was in 1981-82, when the national prison population grew by 41,060 inmates, from 344,283 to 385,343, said Tom Hester of the bureau. (AP)

US bases may shut: If conventional arms-control talks with the Soviet Union are successful, the United States may decide to close as many as four of its 10 main air bases in Britain, according to this week's issue of US News and World Report.

According to the magazine, among the facilities that might be shut down is the historic World War II base at Mildenhall in Suffolk, from which hundreds of B-17 flying fortresses took off in daytime raids on Nazi Germany.

It added that another candidate for closure is Fairford in Gloucestershire, one of the bases used by fighter-bombers that struck Tripoli in the 1986 raid ordered by then President Ronald Reagan. (Kuma)

Reilly defends plan: US environmental chief William Reilly yesterday defended the administration's plan to require cleaner-burning alternatives to gasoline in the worst-polluted cities, saying "there is no other way" to curb smog.

Appearing on the US television network NBC's "Meet the Press" programme, Reilly also said alternative fuels can compete economically with gasoline. Alternative automotive fuels such as methanol, ethanol and natural gas are key to the clean air plan of President George Bush's administration.

The petroleum industry contends the alternative-fuels proposal would put its members at an unfair disadvantage against the makers of the other fuels. Methanol, for instance, is derived from natural gas or coal. (AP)

German tanks in Paris: German tanks are to return to France for the first time since Hitler's Panzers smashed through French defenses in World War Two, which broke out 50 years ago this month.

The French Defense Ministry said a West German armoured brigade would take part in army manoeuvres in eastern France for a week from Sept 18.

A Defense Ministry spokesman confirmed it was the first time a German tank unit had been invited into France. (Reuters)

Jewish leader urges: A Jewish leader yesterday criticised Pope John Paul II's attitudes toward Judaism and urged Jews to press ahead with ecumenical efforts at a lower, more liberal, level of the church.

Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, spoke at a meeting of the European Jewish Congress that is taking place in London at a time of serious argument between the international Jewish community and the Roman Catholic Church.

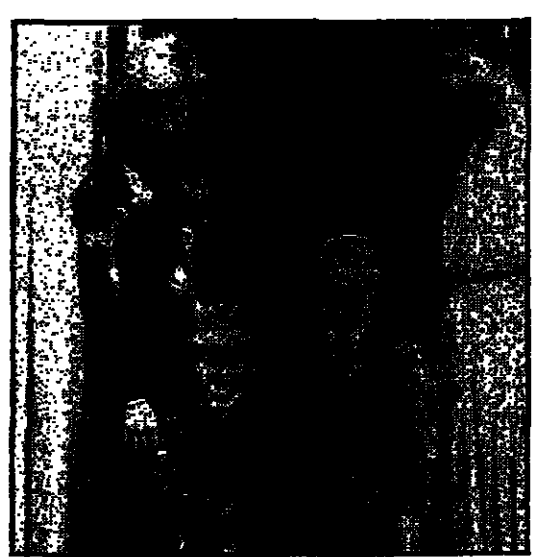
The two faiths are at odds over a convent built at the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland. At least 2.6 million Jews were murdered at Auschwitz as the Germans tried to exterminate the Jews during World War II. (AP)

Fraud trial in third week
Tammy defends Jim

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Sept 11, (AP) — As Jim Bakker's fraud trial entered its third week today, his wife defended the TV evangelist on a US television talk show.

"We know inside we are not guilty," Tammy Bakker said in an interview with Phil Donahue taped in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Friday and broadcast today. "If I was guilty, I'd hide my head, but when you're not guilty you're not guilty."

PTL simply outgrew its founders, she said. "It got to where it didn't even feel a part of us," Mrs Bakker said. "We almost couldn't catch up with it... I felt like a little girl who didn't know where she was supposed to be."



Diana 'in school'

The Princess of Wales arriving with her two school-boys, Prince Harry, 4, and Prince William, 7, at pre-prep Wetherby School. At right is headmistress Fredrika Blair-Turner. (Reuters wirephoto)



On the stump

Nicaraguan opposition presidential candidate Violeta Chamorro (right) and VP candidate Virgilio Godoy acknowledge applause from supporters during a political rally.

Protest at lenient jail term Wings of Angel of death clipped

WUPPERTAL, West Germany, Sept 11, (UPI) — A West German judge was today shouted down as he gave a 11-year prison sentence to a nurse who became known as the "Angel of Death" for administering deadly injections to elderly patients.

"That can't be true, she should disappear forever," an elderly man in the public gallery shouted as the judge pronounced the 31-year-old nurse, Miesela Roeder, guilty of five cases of manslaughter and one of attempted slaughter. He also found her guilty of negligence, leading to the death of a further patient.

Sentencing Roeder to 11 years imprisonment, the judge said the nurse had given the deadly injections because she felt sorry for the elderly, ailing patients, a verdict that caused consternation in the public gallery.

Many of the 100 in the audience expressed disbelief at what they apparently considered too mild a sentence. Shouts of "this can't be possible" were followed by loud booing after the judge delivered the sentence at the Wuppertal court.

"I am shocked, I shall leave now. We elderly people don't even dare go to hospital any more," a man in the audience said.

The prosecution had requested life imprisonment, claiming that while working at a Wuppertal hospital from 1984 to 1986, the nurse murdered 15 elderly patients by combining injections that lower blood pressure with others that paralyse heart activity.

The prosecutor said Roeder, who was described in a court document as the "angel of death", lacked any human emotions.

Bodies flown back: The mutilated bodies of 112 Italian tourists who died in a plane crash in Cuba were brought home today to be identified by their relatives.

Families milled in silence around long lines of coffins laid out in two aircraft hangars at Milan's Malpensa Airport.

The dead, flown back to Italy on board two air force transport planes, were covered with flowers and ribbons in the red, white and green of the Italian flag. (Reuters)

Bus plunges: A Singapore-bound tour bus plunged into a ravine along a Malaysian highway, south of here today killing four passengers and seriously injuring 18 others, all foreigners.

The four, all Singaporean citizens, died at the scene of the accident.

Police said of those seriously injured, 16 were Singaporeans, one from Britain and one from Switzerland. The Briton is identified as A G Scott, 22, of Southampton, and the Swiss Stieger Monica, 24 of Walsi Cawill, Switzerland. (Kuma)

Secret project lacks security

WASHINGTON, Sept 11, (AP) — A contractor who reported problems in the "Doomsday Project" — a top-secret programme designed to keep the US government running after a nuclear war — claims the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Fema) burglarised his offices.

The alleged break-in occurred after the contractor, retired army Major Fred Westerman, rejected a demand by Fema to turn over all his corporate records to a business competitor, according to a lawsuit filed in Federal Court.

Westerman was kicked out of the secret programme less than two months after he refused to surrender the documents, which he still has.

Westerman, a former army counter-intelligence expert, started telling superiors in 1986 about security and management problems in the Continuity of Government (Cog) programme, according to government sources.

Cog is the nation's contingency plan for reconstituting the government in the event of a nuclear attack. While almost all details are secret, it is known to involve mobile communications networks, supply depots and a system of underground bunkers.

The programme was dubbed the "Doomsday Project" in a recent article in the US News and World Report magazine. The magazine reported that the Defence Department, the Justice Department and the House of Representatives armed services committee all are conducting investigations into security and performance problems in the programme.

Fema and the Justice Department both refuse to discuss the Cog programme for Westerman's lawsuit. In addition, the government obtained an order preventing the contractor from discussing his case.

Westerman and his lawyer, Frank Mroz, both declined to comment when asked about the suit.

Under a contract with the Army Corps of Engineers, Westerman's small company provided security and other services to Fema for portions of the Cog programme in five states.

He reported that alarm and security systems at highly classified locations were faulty and that his employees were exposed to dangerous chemicals that had leaked from containers at several facilities, according to the sources. Westerman also reported that water had seeped onto high-voltage electrical lines in one area and that engine parts were falling off emergency vehicles parked at several facilities, the sources said.

On Nov 20, 1987, representatives from Fema, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland company of Evan Associates Inc. came to Westerman's offices, according to the lawsuit.

Fema employee Robert Lorenz and army corps officer Gerald Boggs demanded that Westerman turn over all his corporate documents, communications, records, invoices and cheque books to Evan president Arthur Hutchins, the suit says.

The meeting ended with Westerman in possession of his corporate records.

Fema, Brogan's company and the Corps of Engineers then "aid unlawfully... break into corporate headquarters" of Westerman's company, Systems Evaluation Inc., Westerman alleges in the suit.

Westerman, according to several sources, says that the first of at least four burglaries occurred within 48 hours of his Nov 20 meeting and that the others occurred over the next three months.

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Mandatory work recommended to increase safety of DC jets

WASHINGTON, Sept 11, (AP) — A government-industry task force, reporting today on ageing airliners, recommends mandatory work to increase the safety of older DC-8, DC-9 and DC-10 jetliners, officials say.

The group proposes parts replacement and other work on 1,500 McDonnell Douglas airliners, its advice resembling recommendations already made by another task force for Boeing airliners, said government and industry officials familiar with the task force's yearlong work.

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UK to help Colombia against drug cartel

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WASHINGTON, Sept 11, (Agencies) — Britain is preparing an anti-drug package for Colombia that will coincide with US efforts to assist the Latin American country's crackdown on drug traffickers, British Foreign Secretary John Major told President George Bush today.

"It's mainly training and technical assistance. It will certainly also deal with protection of personnel," Major told reporters as he emerged from White House meetings with Bush and Vice-President Dan Quayle.

Major, 46, making his first call on the White House since taking over from Sir Geoffrey Howe as foreign minister in July, said British officials were in Bogota in the past few days trying to determine what needed to be done to bolster President Virgilio Barco's battle against the drug cartels.

Major said he was unable to provide a dollar figure on the aid package because details had not yet been completed.

Major said British officials were discussing elements of his government's plan with US officials at the State Department this morning.

He said British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher planned to discuss what could be done to aid Colombia with representatives of the other countries that make up the European Community at a meeting later this month.

"From a whole range of areas, there's a special help coming to insure that President Barco is not left on his own," he said.

Referring to the overall effort to combat trafficking in cocaine and other illicit drugs, Major said: "We take the view that the problem may be centred on Colombia but it's an international problem, it's a problem that affects all of us."

A former mayor of Medellin was killed today, police said, continuing the spiral of violence in Colombia's cocaine-dealing centre that began after last month's government crackdown on drug traffickers.

At least two attackers, dressed in black, shot and killed Pablo Pelaez Gonzalez, Medellin police told the Associated Press by telephone.

Pelaez, 45, who left office in 1986, was attacked while being driven to his office, where he was the head of a local metal products company, police said.

A police spokeswoman said on condition of not being identified that Pelaez' driver, identified only by his two last names, Betancur Rodriguez, also was killed. No one else was injured in the attack, she said.

Radio stations reporting from the scene of the shooting said the killers, apparently on foot, fired 9mm automatic pistols at the ex-mayor's BMW Sedan, then shed their black outer garments and fled.

The attack followed by one day a fresh government offensive against the powerful drug cartels. Yesterday, Colombia signed orders to extradite three alleged drug traffickers to the United States, and reports said the army had seized more property from suspected drug kingpins.

Pelaez, a lawyer and former police inspector, was elected mayor of the city of 2 million, Colombia's second-largest, in 1984, on the Liberal Party ticket. That is the party of Colombia's current President, Virgilio Barco, who launched the government war against drug traffickers.

In Washington, US Justice Department spokesman David Runkel refused today to confirm the United States had sought extradition of the three people held in Colombia.



The body of the driver of Gonzalez is removed from the ambushed vehicle. (Reuters wirephoto)

Held in jail without bail

Romero denies charges

ATLANTA, Sept 11, (Reuters) — A US federal judge today ordered accused Colombian drug financier Eduardo Martinez Romero held in jail without bail after he pleaded innocent to charges that brought his extradition to the United States.

In denying a request that the defendant be held under house arrest, magistrate Joel Feldman said Martinez Romero failed to rebut government assertions that he could resume supervising money-laundering for the Medellin drug cartel.

Before being ordered returned to prison, the Spanish-speaking defendant formally denied all charges through a court-appointed interpreter.

The judge said he recognised that Martinez Romero, the first drug suspect extradited since Colombia cracked down on the Medellin drug lords on August 18, held advanced degrees, was a family man, and had never before been charged with a crime.

But he said money laundering oils the machine of drug distribution, and that Martinez Romero was charged with serious offences beyond financial transactions outlined in evidence.

The judge said Martinez Romero may appeal the bail denial.

Before the innocent plea and bail denial, Martinez Romero's lawyer objected to the court that the United States has no jurisdiction over the defendant.

"Mr Martinez has not been accorded the rights and protections of the Colombian constitution," Atlanta lawyer Edward Garland declared, saying his client was extradited to the United States before the appeal of his arrest in Colombia had been heard.

But federal prosecutor Wilmer Parker said the Atlanta court had jurisdiction over Martinez Romero "because his body is before the court." He said the narcotics indictment presumed the risk of flight and added: "Colombia is hardly the only country in the world where he could live and live well with the kind of money he's had access to."

Justice Department officials have said the defendant faces up to 30 years in jail without parole if convicted on both counts of the indictment returned last March 29.

Meanwhile, the US administration officials said President George Bush's battle plan for the war has a secret section that could expand the role of the US military, possibly sending advisers to Peru and Bolivia.

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Roh proposes broad 3-step unification plan

'Form a Korean commonwealth'

SEOUL, Sept 11. (Agencies): President Roh Tae-Woo proposed today a broad three-step plan for unifying communist North Korea with the capitalist South and ending four stormy decades of tension, hostilities and confrontation.

Roh urged North Korean leaders to help form a Korean commonwealth, an interim association to work for eventual national unification, ending the "tragedy of division (which) is unbearably painful."

"Just as the barrier of division is tall and thick, so the path to unification is steep and rugged," Roh said in a televised address to the opening of the National Assembly. "The reality is that it will be

impossible to achieve unification overnight."

Roh offered no timetable, but said he hoped a north-south summit would be held soon and a charter for the commonwealth signed by August, 1990, the 45th anniversary of partition.

Roh has called for a summit with North Korean leader Kim Il Sung before, with no positive response.

Political observers doubted North Korea would accept Roh's proposal, and some opposition lawmakers said it did not reflect the views of all South Koreans. The government claimed it conducted a poll of 15,000 citizens to help formulate the proposal.



Pitprecha with Seksan after they surrendered in 1980. (Reuter wirephoto)

Thai beauty turned-guerrilla-turned poet

A flame inspires

BANGKOK, Sept 11. (Reuter): Former beauty queen Chiranan Pitprecha took to the jungles as a communist rebel and inspired thousands of radical students opposed to Thailand's military rulers in the 1970s.

Now a 34-year-old mother of two, she is capturing imaginations again — this time as a poet and a writer.

Chiranan's collection of poems recalling her heady revolutionary days has won a 1989 South-East Asian writer's award, nine years after she abandoned the jungle struggle.

The awards are given annually to writers in each of the Association of South-East Asian Nations' (Asean) six member states.

Years of isolation and disillusion with the diehard Maoist cadres in the jungle have tempered Chiranan's anger and passion.

"I have to be very cautious about encouraging others to fight," she said in an interview at her Bangkok home. "It is good to believe in something, but one has to have a critical mind as well."

Her poetry collection, called "The Missing Leaf", traces her development from carefree teenager to angry activist and finally to disillusion and acceptance of human limitations.

Chiranan's work is hailed for its feminist message — one of her most famous poems challenges women to reject their traditional roles of dependency and coquetry in favour of social responsibility — as well as literary merit.

She said her life was an example of how women should take responsibility for their own lives.

"She had a huge impact on how women saw themselves," a Thai journalist said of Chiranan's radical past.

"Nobody could have believed then that a young and beautiful university student could get up and attack the government for corruption and nepotism," the journalist said.

Chiranan and her husband Seksan Prasertkul were among the leaders uprising in 1973 which toppled a military government.

A harsh crackdown after the uprising and a series of death threats forced them to flee Bangkok for Paris, Beijing, Hanoi, Laos and finally to strongholds of the Communist Party of Thailand in the remote northern province of Chiang Mai.

Chiranan, who studied at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok in 1972, spent five years fighting alongside communist guerrillas in the jungle.

Dressed in an olive T-shirt and black cotton trousers, hair swept back in a ponytail, Chiranan recalled the isolation and disillusion she and Seksan faced during those years because of their ideological differences with the older communist cadres.

"Many of the old cadres were of Chinese origin and could not even speak Thai properly," she said.

"We were annoyed because we were concerned with our own revolution. We didn't care whether Jiang Qing or Zhou Enlai were fighting each other or not in Beijing."

Seksan spoke bitterly of his clash with the "old guard."

"They tried to destroy me," he said. "They would not give me any assignments. They tried to isolate me from the masses by secretly forbidding people to talk to me."

Chiranan, daughter of wealthy merchants from the southern province of Trang, is now working on a thesis on the history of Laos and occasionally writes magazine articles.

Seksan is a well-known writer and lecturer at Bangkok's Thammasat University. "I don't believe in politics or any particular ideology anymore. But I still believe in human beings," he said.

His wife says the pain of giving up the revolutionary struggle when they surrendered in 1980 has been the strongest influence on her thinking to date.

Sarah kills again

4 dead, 2 missing in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Sept 11. (AP): Typhoon Sarah blasted through eastern Taiwan today, triggering landslides and leaving four dead and two missing after it killed at least 16 in the Philippines, authorities said.

Police said the dead included an Australian teacher, Jonathan B. Watts, who was swept into Hualien harbour, 180 kilometres (112 miles) southeast of Taipei, along with one Canadian and two American teachers touring the port.

The three other teachers were rescued and were in a hospital in satisfactory condition, police said. All taught at a nearby English-language school.

Police said two Taiwanese men were swept out to sea and a woman died of electrical shock in east Taiwan. The body of one of the men was not found and he was listed as missing.

Earlier, police said an old woman drowned in a fishing port in Suao, 50 kilometres (30 miles) south of Taipei, and a university student was swept out to sea at a scenic formation in Tainan.

Weathermen said Sarah's peak winds had intensified to 180 kilometres (108 miles) an hour after leaving the Philippines.

Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau warned of floods at major river banks and coastal areas later today, when Sarah was expected to sweep across the island.

Torrential rains triggered landslides and disrupted traffic on several major highways, officials said.

Taipei's domestic Sungshan airport was closed and most train services were halted in expectation of strong wind and rain, officials said.

Vietnam to pull out from Cambodia by Sept 26

BANGKOK, Thailand, Sept 11. (AP): The last Vietnamese soldier in Cambodia will leave by midnight Sept 26, Vietnam's ambassador to Thailand said today.

But Ambassador Le Mai disputed the predictions of many analysts that fighting between the warring Cambodian factions will worsen dramatically as a result.

"By 2400 hours on Sept 26, there will be no more Vietnamese troops, military personnel, military advisers in Cambodia. By 2400 on Sept 26 we will complete our total withdrawal from Cambodia," he said.

The withdrawal will involve 26,000 men, he said. Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1978 and ousted Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge, the radical communist group that killed hundreds of thousands of Cambodians in its 3-1/2

Many Koreans have long hoped for reconciliation between the North and South, separated in 1945 at the end of World War II. The two Koreas share a common culture, language, and history and thousands of families have been divided by the border.

Roh's latest unification proposal comes as the government faces increasing pressure from dissidents and radical students for not making stronger efforts toward unification with the north.

A radical student and a dissident clergyman are in prison for making unauthorised visits to North Korea to discuss unification. The government maintains dialogue on unifying the peninsula must be conducted only through official channels.

Radical students have staged violent demonstrations in support of North Korea's unification proposal, which includes calls for the immediate withdrawal of 43,000 US troops stationed in South Korea under a mutual defence pact.

The North's plan calls for a confederation under which there would be one nation for military and diplomatic matters but both sides would maintain different political and social systems. The South has called the proposal "unrealistic."

Roh's new three-step plan does not mention US troops, but it took into account other North Korean demands, according to officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and also changed the basis of past South Korean proposals.

The first step in Roh's plan calls for establishing a Korean national community, agreeing essentially that there is a national community. This includes a North-South summit and the signing of a national community charter.

The charter would outline the Korean commonwealth, stage two in the unification plan.

The Korean commonwealth would include a council of presidents, a 20-member council of ministers, a 100-member council of representatives and a joint secretariat, which would all be equally divided in membership between the North and South.

A secretariat, perhaps stationed in a new "peace zone" city in the demilitarised zone, would serve as a working-level body to handle routine business for the commonwealth, Roh said.

Liaison offices operating much like quasi-diplomatic missions would be set up in Seoul and the North's capital of Pyongyang, he said.

In the past, the Seoul government has said it wanted to deal with economic and humanitarian issues before moving on to political and military matters under unification. It also maintained that because the south has twice the population of the North, it should have a larger representation in a new government.

In Roh's proposed commonwealth, all issues would receive equal attention and delegates to the interim governmental bodies would be equally divided between North and South.

Five years after the Korean peninsula was divided in 1945, the North invaded the South, starting 1950-53 Korean war.

A ceasefire ended the war, but a peace treaty was never signed and despite sporadic dialogue between the two Koreas, they remain hostile enemies. The demilitarised zone separating the two nations is one of the most heavily fortified areas in the world.

The military armistice commission will meet tomorrow at the Korean truce village of Panmunjom in response to a request from North Korea, the United Nations command here announced today.

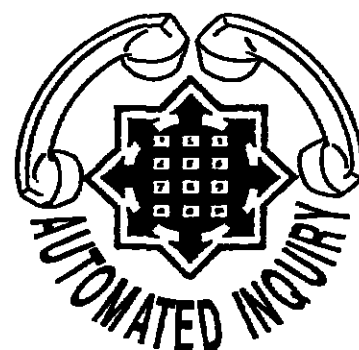
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22 held
in concert
protest

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11. (AP): Police arrested 22 of about 1,000 Muslim students as they demonstrated against a pop music concert, officers said today.

The placard-carrying students demonstrated last night outside the University of Malaya's main hall, where popular singer Sheila Majid was performing. They told reporters that her songs were un-Islamic, and only holy songs or cultural songs should be allowed.

Deputy Vice Chancellor Abdul Rashid Ahmad and other officials urged the students to disperse. When they refused, about 25 policemen charged them with batons. Some cars and other vehicles were damaged as the students scrambled over them while fleeing. No injuries were reported.

Police superintendent Saleh Goma told reporters today the 22 students were released on bail of 500 ringgits (\$185) each after being questioned.

The students could be charged in court later with taking part in an illegal demonstration.

INTERNATIONAL

Movement leaders held in secret jail

Chinese detainees beaten

BEIJING, Sept 11, (Agencies): Student leaders and intellectuals arrested in the crackdown on the democracy movement are jailed at a secret prison outside Beijing, where cells are cramped and outside contact is banned but abuse is infrequent, Chinese sources say.

Other detainees, however, mostly workers arrested for violent crimes, have been confined in overcrowded local jails, according to the sources. Many have been beaten, although reports of mistreatment have diminished, they said.

The sources, including Chinese with security agency contacts, asked not to be identified and expressed fear of reprisal.

Information on arrests and prisons has been scarce since the army moved into Beijing June 3 and brutally suppressed peaceful pro-democracy demonstrations. Released detainees and families of those jailed are often too frightened to speak out.



A statue ... it's official

A sculptor at the China Central Institute of Art and Handicrafts works on a statue being made for China's National Day. The statue, which will occupy the same spot on Tiananmen Square where the student-made 'Goddess of Democracy' once stood during June's demonstrations, will consist of four figures: a soldier, a worker, a peasant and an intellectual.

The sculpture's base has already been installed in the square on its north side. After the Army moved into Beijing June 3 in the bloody suppression of the protesters, troops used an armoured personnel carrier in the pre-dawn hours of June 4 to knock the Goddess of Democracy statue down and smash it into pieces.

The democracy statue was also built at the Central Arts Academy, where several students have been reported arrested since the crackdown on the protests. (Reuter wirephoto)

Brundtland may get a thrashing

Norwegians vote on final day

OSLO, Sept 11, (UPI): Norwegians went to polling stations today on the second and final day of general elections which opinion polls said would give Labour Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland an electoral thrashing.

The final Scan-Fact poll published today said the Labour Party would drop more than 8.1 per cent of its electoral support to land at 32.7 per cent, and that non-socialist parties would have a clear majority in the 165-seat parliament.

The main winner of the election, the poll added, would be the right-wing, anti-tax, anti-bureaucracy Progress Party whose charismatic leader Carl I. Hagen took the country by storm during campaigning.

According to the poll, Hagen would capture 12.2 per cent of the vote, adding almost nine per-

centage points to the party's present 3.7 per cent.

The Conservative Party was expected to poll 25.7 per cent, up 2.2 per cent on present figures, while the agrarian Center Party was to receive 6.3 per cent, down 0.2 per cent, the poll said.

The non-socialist Christian People's Party was expected to poll 7.7 per cent, a loss of 3.3 per cent.

Sunday and Monday's election were overshadowed by the deaths of 55 employees of a Norwegian shipping line who were killed Friday in the worst air disaster in the country's history.

Despite clear, bright weather polling stations were subdued in a country still numbed by Friday's unexplained crash of a Conqair CV-580 metropolitan charter plane, but turnout was expected to be around 80 per cent.

N-missile plan

UK, France to talk

PARIS, Sept 11, (AP): France and Britain will renew talks on the joint construction of an air-to-ground nuclear missile when top defence officials meet in London later this week, Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement said today.

Plans to build the weapon, an elongated version of the French medium-range air-to-ground missile, appeared to have been put on hold last winter.

But Chevenement told reporters the programme would come up in a series of talks Wednesday through Friday with British Defence Minister Tom King on industrial co-operation, international problems and the defence doctrines of the two countries.

The missile would principally replace the Royal Air Force's stock of WE-177 gravity bombs. The missiles could be accurately launched at a target 100 to 350 kms (60 to 215 miles) away, while the aging bombs must be dropped from directly overhead.

If the project goes forward, the missiles would be built jointly but each country would equip the rockets with its own warheads.

The talks will be the first between the two ministers since King was named to Britain's top defence post on July 24.

Azeris end weeklong strike

Soviets denounce Quayle statements on Baltics

MOSCOW, Sept 11, (AP): Workers in the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan ended a weeklong strike today that had been called to protest Kremlin control of a disputed territory.

Leaders of the Azerbaijan People's Front, a nationalist group that called a republic-wide strike more than a week ago, said on television last night that most of their political demands had been met, local activists and journalists said.

The People's Front will be officially recognised and allowed to speak at a special session of the republic's Supreme Soviet legislature on Friday, group spokesman Elkhbar Mamedov said.

The legislature is to address the strikers' principal demand, the return of the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh to Azerbaijani control, Mamedov said, speaking by tele-

phone from Azerbaijan's capital, Baku.

Azerbaijan's idled railroads resumed operating today and workers at all enterprises went back to work, journalist Nazim Ragimov said from Baku. The city's many oil refineries were reported to be at least partially functioning throughout the strike.

Trains were running everywhere in Azerbaijan except on routes to the neighbouring Caucasus republic of Armenia, Ragimov said.

In the republic of Moldavia, the newspaper Pravda said today that organisers called for an end to a 3-week-old walkout, but the republic's strike committee issued a statement this morning denying the report.

Committee member Dmitri Kondratovich charged the account in the Communist Party

daily was part of "a campaign of disinformation aimed at stifling and splitting the strike movement."

Many ethnic Russians and other minorities who work in the republic went on strike in mid-August to protest a proposed bill that would make Moldavian the republic's official language.

Most strikers went back to work after the republic's legislature passed a compromise law recognising the use of some Russian, but Kondratovich, speaking from the largely Russian city of Tiraspol, said employees at more than 200 factories remained off the job.

Ukrainian poet and political activist Ivan Drach was elected yesterday to lead a new group.

Sergei I. Konev, a member of the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies was chosen as a deputy to Drach, according to Anatoly

Dotsenko, a spokesman in Moscow for the Ukrainian Helsinki Group that monitors human rights.

Condemned

A Soviet spokesman today condemned a prediction by US Vice-President Dan Quayle of a "negative response" from Washington if Moscow attempted to block independence movements in the Baltic republics.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news briefing that Quayle's remarks at the weekend amounted to a flagrant interference in the Soviet Union's internal affairs.

Less than two months before the first meeting between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Pope John Paul, pressure is growing on the Kremlin to let the underground Uniate church emerge from the catacombs.



Yeltsin: warning

Gorby has only 6 months

NEW YORK, Sept 11, (Reuter): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has only six months to a year to lead his country to progress or he faces a "revolution from below," Soviet politician Boris Yeltsin said today.

Yeltsin, one of the Soviet Union's most popular politicians who made a comeback in elections last spring after being sacked from the politburo two years ago, said on US television that such a revolution had already started in the form of occasional strikes and hot spots around the country.

Two days ago Gorbachev himself said in a speech there were threats of approaching chaos and talk of a threatened coup.

Yeltsin had dismissed the possibility of a coup, but in an appearance on ABC's 'Good Morning America' programme he was asked how much time Gorbachev had to show progress in the Soviet Union.

"Not more than one year and probably about six months I would say," Yeltsin replied through an interpreter. "That's all he's got."

If the Soviet Union fails to make progress, Yeltsin said, there would be some very difficult times culminating in a revolution from below.

"A revolution would occur when these hot spots spread and the whole country is affected," said Yeltsin, 58.

"This is something I want to discuss with the American administration," said Yeltsin, who plans to meet businessmen, political leaders and academics during a 10-day tour of the United States.

Yeltsin told a news conference yesterday Gorbachev had enough strength to withstand people who opposed him but said the Kremlin chief had not fully thought through his perestroika programme before announcing it and that mistakes were made.

Yeltsin said he wants to apply what he learns about the US Congress to his role as a member of the revamped Soviet parliament and a radical-left parliamentary group he co-founded.

Yeltsin called on the United States to help his country carry out the Soviet leader's reforms.

Yeltsin, who has created a stir during his two days in New York, met reporters yesterday in a Manhattan apartment following a helicopter tour of the city and a walk in Central Park where he shook hands with smiling New Yorkers.

Before answering questions, Yeltsin, who wore a red Soviet flag pin in the lapel of his suit jacket, said he was impressed with the capital of the capitalist world.

"New York is not a series of graveyards with slums in between, but rather the buildings represent a high level of artistic achievement," he said.

Yeltsin did keep up his image as a thorn in Gorbachev's side, contending that the Soviet economy is in its "worst shape" in decades and the leader is moving too slowly in implementing reforms.

No coup, pledges Polish minister

WARSAW, Sept 11, (Agencies): Interior Minister General Czeslaw Kiszczak today pledged loyalty to Poland's Solidarity-led government and gave a personal guarantee that security forces would not attempt a coup d'etat against it.

Kiszczak told the Solidarity daily Gazeta Wyborcza his presence and that of General Florian Siwicki in the government as the communist interior and defence ministers was a guarantee against a coup by disgruntled security officials.

"It (a coup) cannot be done without the participation of defence and interior ministry people. The current heads of these ministries exclude their participation," he said.

Kiszczak and Siwicki are among four communists in the 23-member Solidarity-dominated government of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki which is due to be sworn in tomorrow.

"Theoretically, one can imagine a rebellion by a group of sergeants under the command of a very talented lieutenant," Kiszczak said. "But it is not in the Polish tradition. This is more possible in Africa or Latin America."

He said he was ready to depoliticise the communist-controlled ministry by banning all party activities there if ordered by the government.

He was also disbanding much of the ministry's repressive apparatus and switching staff from political surveillance to crime detection and football crowd control.

Kiszczak and Siwicki have held the ministries since 1981 when they implemented the martial law crackdown ordered by General Wojciech Jaruzelski to crush Solidarity.

Both men are viewed with lingering suspicion by many Poles although they have helped Jaruzelski implement the reforms that brought Mazowiecki to power.

Polish lawmakers today were to continue questioning ministerial candidates, many of whom embraced Western philosophies during weekend testimony.

A parliamentary committee yesterday gave its approval of economist Leszek Balcerowicz in the combined post of Poland's Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister after he outlined a plan to revise tax, wage and trade policies.

Hearings on nominees for the foreign trade ministry and chairmans of the national bank were scheduled for today, television news said.

The Labour Ministry nominee, Jacek Kuron, also was approved in a daylong session of the welfare committee, but Andrzej Kasinski (aka 'dzek', koh-zhyn-eeh-ahk), the Peasant Party candidate for the Health Ministry, was rejected.

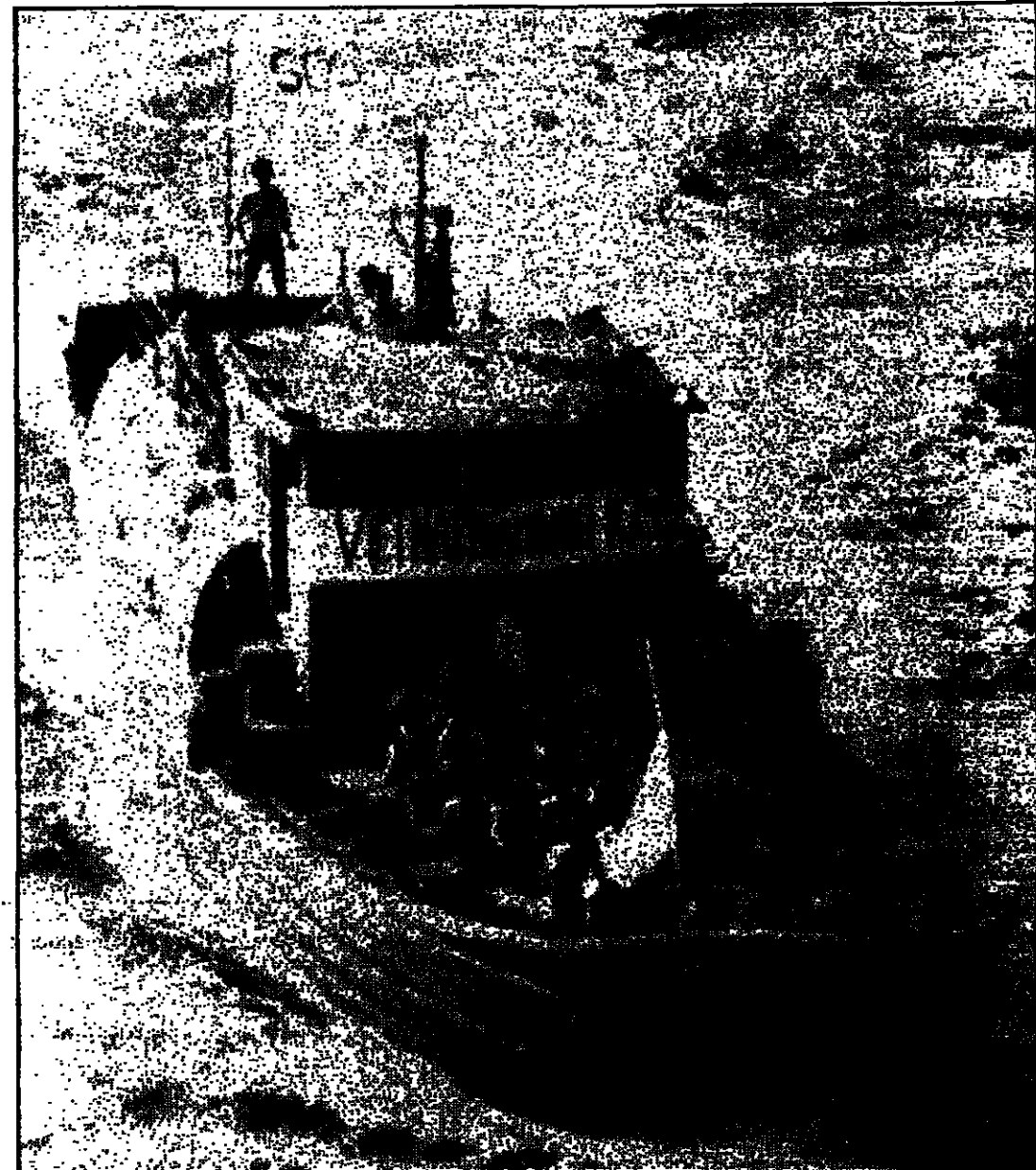
The committee opinions are not binding. The Sejm, the powerful lower house of the National Assembly, makes the final decision tomorrow, when Mazowiecki is expected to outline his government's programme.

"Solidarity's 'gravest mistake ever' was in accepting the prime minister's post in the new Polish government, Lech Walesa confesses on British television this evening.

In a BBC Panorama programme "Poles apart" Walesa said: "I believe it to be my and Solidarity's gravest mistake ever that we took the prime minister post and we joined the government, but that was a mistake we were forced to make. We simply had no choice."

Poland's former communist party boss, Edward Giersek, said today he wished the Solidarity-led coalition government of Mazowiecki every success in pulling the country out of its economic disaster.

The Peasant Party elected Dominik Ladwiczak, a farmer, as its new leader. Ladwiczak had been the deputy leader.



File photo of a wooden vessel full of Vietnamese refugees skimming the Sea of Japan. (Reuter wirephoto)

Japan to screen boat people

Attempt to stem refugee flood

TOKYO, Sept 11, (Reuter): Japan, alarmed by a sudden flood of Vietnamese boat people to its shores, will begin screening arrivals this week to find whether they are refugees or economic migrants, the Foreign Ministry said today.

Toshio Tsunozaki, who heads the ministry's refugees section, told a news conference it would begin the winnowing process on Wednesday.

"If we keep the window open, it would be a pull-factor for those people to come out," he said. Tokyo wants to stem the arrival of other people coming to Japan for economic reasons, many of them from China.

"So far they all said they came to Japan in order to make money," Tsunozaki said.

He said 39 Chinese citizens were to be deported as illegal entrants. They admitted they were from southern Fujian province and agreed to return home.

Some come to Japan masquerading as Indochinese refugees, who are dealt with by the government under a special agreement with the United Nations, he said.

No such convention covers Chinese arrivals.

"Some (Chinese) have tried to use the special treatment accorded Vietnamese refugees," Tsunozaki said. "We would like to prevent the abuse of this generous system of treatment."

He denied the Chinese were being singled out. "It is not discrimination toward the Chinese vis a vis the Vietnamese."

Indochinese arrivals will undergo an elaborate screening procedure that could result in resettlement either in Japan or a third country if they are deemed real political refugees.

Even if they have come to Japan for economic reasons, the Indochinese will not be repatriated involuntarily, Tsunozaki said. Instead, they may stay indefinitely in closed camps.

Chinese Embassy officials told Japanese officials recently that Beijing planned to detain returnees from Japan.

"They will be punished according to Chinese law, but we hope it won't be an excessively harsh punishment," Tsunozaki said.

Sale offer to US embassy

Uranium seized

TOKYO, Sept 11, (AP): Police said today that they seized the four kilograms (8.8 pounds) of uranium that was offered for sale to the US embassy in a case that has already netted seven arrests.

The uranium was seized yesterday at a food dealer's house in Kurume, Fukuoka prefecture, 560 miles (89 kilometres) southwest of the capital.

It was contained in 41 glass bottles in six X-ray prevention bags, said an official of the Tokyo metropolitan police

department.

The official said police experts on chemical materials analysed the substance discovered and found it was natural uranium.

On Sept 1, police arrested five people on charges of illegal possession of nuclear substances after they took a capsule containing about 3.5 ounces (100 grams) of uranium to the US embassy in early August and proposed to sell another 8.8 pounds (four kilograms) of the same substance for \$83 million.

Japan hosts nature talks

TOKYO, Sept 11, (Reuter): Japan, eager to change its image as an ecological aggressor, opened its first major global environmental conference today as protesters dressed as trees and animals ridiculed its policies.

The demonstrators staged a pantomime outside the closed-door meeting attacking the course the government was taking on the environment.

"Japan is ready to take on global environmental issues with positive vigour," Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu told the delegates.

Japan will provide about \$2.25 billion in aid over the next three years to protect the world environment, Kaifu said.

Communism exploits, wastes and degrades: Soviet professor

MOSCOW, Sept 11, (AP): In a stinging indictment of communism, a philosophy professor says the Soviet system continues to exploit workers, waste resources and suffers from a "tyranny of authoritarian bureaucracy."

Mikhail Kapustin rips into the system in a 25-page analysis in October, the Literary monthly that raised eyebrows earlier this year by reprinting a novel criticising Vladimir Lenin, the once sacrosanct founder of the Soviet state.

This time, the article in the August edition attacks

a 1989 dictionary on communism that defines the "historic advantages of socialism."

"The advantages of socialism are not historic or real, but purely theoretical, conjectural," Kapustin wrote. "They are in ideological mirage in a social, economic and legal desert."

Another article, appearing in the latest issue of Ogoniok magazine released yesterday, also lashed out at the principles of socialism. Economist Rair Simonyan said in an interview socialism alienated workers and hampered competition needed to foster

the free development of the individual, one of its stated goals.

The articles took glasnost, the openness policy introduced by President Mikhail Gorbachev, further than most official self-examinations by questioning the ability of communism to solve society's problems. Gorbachev and other leaders have repeatedly said communism and socialism were basically sound theories properly implemented by Lenin but then distorted by his successor, dictator Josef Stalin.

As recently as Saturday night, Gorbachev said in a television speech his perestroika, or restructuring programme, was aimed at "socialist renewal of society." Kapustin's appraisal contrasted sharply with Gorbachev's reassuring comments that perestroika had "returned to this great country a feeling of dignity (and) gave the Soviet man a sense of freedom."

Another goal was to eliminate exploitation of workers, but Kapustin said "they are exploited in any case."

Wave of violence hits W. Bank, Gaza

Three more found dead

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 11. (Agencies): Three more Palestinians were found dead today in the latest wave of violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Army said.

Two Palestinians died when troops clashed overnight with stone-throwing protesters resisting a search-and-arrest raid at the West Bank village of Kaddum near Nablus.

Villagers said the bodies of Sahed Abdelkarim Shtewi, 20, and Zuhair Abdulkarim Bin Abdelhalim, 28, were found at dawn and buried locally. The Army confirmed that soldiers opened fire, killing or wounding several people.

The body of 27-year-old Rifaa Hassanin from Gaza city was found in an orchard outside the town. He was stabbed to death several days ago. The Army sent the body to Israel's Pathological Institute to determine the cause of death.



Journalists photograph the body of the Lebanese gunman who killed an Israeli soldier. (Reuter wirephoto)

Arab commando dies in shootout

Three Israelis hurt

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 11. (Agencies): Israeli troops shot dead an Arab commando after gunning down three soldiers in an ambush in south Lebanon today, the army said.

Troops also captured one of the commandos, who planted an explosive charge west of Kfar Kila in Israel's self-declared security zone, a military spokesman said.

He said the commandos opened fire on an army patrol after the explosive charge went off less than a kilometre (mile) from the Israeli border settlement of Metulla. The soldiers returned fire.

"During searches after the clash, the soldiers found a commando. They shot and killed him," the spokesman said, adding that the man had been a member of the squad which ambushed the Israeli patrol and slightly wounded three soldiers.

The Lebanese National Resistance Front, a loose coalition of pro-Syrian leftist and Palestinian commandos, claimed responsibility for the shootout in a terse statement that gave no other details.

A source said the commandos had infiltrated the occupied border strip "possibly with the intention of attacking an Israeli post there when they were spotted."

Ambush

The source, who requested anonymity, said the clash 1 mile (1.5 kilometres) west of the Israeli border, lasted 90 minutes. He said about 120 Israeli soldiers backed by 20 armoured personnel carriers and tanks and two helicopters later carried out a search operation around Kfar Kila for more commandos.

An eyewitness said he saw an Israeli helicopter evacuating the Israeli casualties.

An Israeli soldier was killed in a Palestinian commando ambush on the foothills of Mount Hermon yesterday.

The Syrian-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the attack.

So did the Lebanese National Resistance Front, which includes the PFLP, admitted that one of its commandos was killed in Saturday's gunbattle.

Israeli carved out the 6-10 mile (10-16 km) border zone when it withdrew the bulk of its army in 1985 after a three-year occupation.

The zone, patrolled by Israeli troops and militia allies, serves as a buffer against commando attacks on northern Israeli settlements. It has been repeatedly attacked by Palestinian and Muslim militias.

Militias

Several people were wounded when Shiite Muslim gunmen and leftist militiamen clashed with machine-guns and mortars in two villages in south Lebanon, security sources said.

The two sides blamed each other for starting the fighting, which pitted men of the leftist Syrian National Social Party against fighters of the pro-Syrian Amal and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah (Party of God) Shiite militias.

The clashes in the villages of Mashghara and Aitain in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley tapered off after Syrian troops intervened, the sources said.

They said contacts were being made to secure the release of several people held by the two sides.

Bolshoi in Israel

First ever visit.

TEL AVIV, Sept 11. (AP): It took a year and a half to arrange, but the grand ballet of the Soviet Union, the world-famous Bolshoi, arrived yesterday for its first ever visit to Israel.

Renowned Bolshoi choreographer Yuri Papko said he was delighted to be in Israel and hoped ballet fans would enjoy their performances featuring excerpts from the Bolshoi's repertoire.

The first-ever tour of the Bolshoi in Israel is seen as a further indication of warming relations between the two countries.

Speaking to reporters at a plush, seaside hotel, Papko said he was aware of the political significance of the 50-member troupe's visit. He added that he was "absolutely" sure the ballet would help bring the people of Israel and the Soviet Union closer together.

"The art helps," the bearded Papko said.

The Soviet Union cut all diplomatic relations with Israel following the 1967 Middle East war. But ties have warmed in the past years and the two countries exchanged consular delegations in 1987.

Papko said the troupe is composed of talent from across the Soviet Union. He noted that 18 of the dancers are from 10 city and regional theatres, including those from Moscow, Kiev and Siberia.

"Our purpose here today is to present not only the artists of the Bolshoi ballet, but also the stars of Soviet ballet," Papko said.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Fouladi, 29, as saying: "I was severely beaten and they broke my hand and hurt my eye."

He was welcomed at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport early today by Foreign Ministry officials and his family, Iran reported.

Fouladi, a former doorman at the Iranian embassy in London, was released by the British yesterday after serving most of a 10-year sentence for an attempted car bombing in London.

In London, a British Home Office spokesman, who asked not to be named, denied Fouladi's allegations and noted: "I would add that this particular inmate has made no complaints or allegations of ill-treatment while he was here."

The Iranians have linked Fouladi's case with British businessman Roger Cooper, who has been held in Tehran on spying charges since November 1985.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said today that Fouladi's release "was absolutely nothing to do with Roger Cooper."

Fouladi, whose release Iranian newspapers linked to possible freedom after almost five years in an Iranian prison on spying charges, charged British authorities with carrying out "horrible tortures" against jailed Muslims and Irish Republicans.

"The savage behaviour of the prison officials continued to the extent that other prisoners staged a hunger strike in my support," the agency quoted Fouladi, 29, as saying.

Fouladi was quoted as saying that he was arrested on "unfounded charges" and subjected to "various kinds of torture over the past ten years."

He accused British authorities of planting narcotics in his cell.

"They placed narcotics in my cell in order to delay my release," conducting the Muslim Friday prayers ceremony.

"The holding of the prayer badly angered the prison officials and as a result I was severely beaten and they broke my hand and hurt my eye," he was quoted as saying.

Arafat, Mubarak in talks on polls

CAIRO, Sept 11. (AP): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat met here today to discuss Middle East peace plans.

Neither leader talked to reporters following the dialogue. A presidential official told waiting journalists the two leaders had ended their meeting and left.

Arafat arrived here earlier in the day. The state-owned Middle East News Agency said he was greeted at Cairo International Airport by Osama Al Baz, Mubarak's political adviser.

Last week, Mubarak held talks with

Arafat during a brief visit to Tunisia and said that the Palestinian leader would come to Cairo for further discussions on Egyptian ideas for proposed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Mubarak has been helping with ideas to find a formula acceptable to both the PLO and Israel for negotiations to resolve the Palestinian problem.

Egypt is the only Arab country on speaking terms with Israel. The two countries signed a peace treaty in 1979.

On Saturday, Mubarak told reporters that Palestinian leaders had offered no objections to ideas he proposed to sup-

plement an Israeli peace plan, but still were considering their final position.

Mubarak's 10-point initiative was sent to Israel in July, seeking to clarify Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mubarak's approach also was designed to make the Israeli plan more palatable to a balking PLO.

The 10 points include acceptance by Israel of the US-backed concept of trading land for peace, participation in the vote by 140,000 Palestinian inhabitants of Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem, international observers as election overseers, with-

drawal of Israeli troops from polling areas, an Israeli pledge to an opening date for talks on a final settlement, and an end to construction of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories.

In his remarks on Saturday, Mubarak said that Arafat was still pondering the PLO's final position on the Egyptian initiative.

In Israel, newspapers said that three prominent Palestinians from the occupied territories were travelling to Cairo this week to urge the PLO to allow Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza to hold peace talks with Israel.



A partial view of numbered graves in a roadside cemetery in which the Israeli army buries Arab commandos killed in infiltration attempts and clashes. (Reuter wirephoto)

Graveyard for foe

Arab martyrs reviled by Israel

KIBBUTZ, Gadot, Israel, Sept 11. (Reuter): On a rocky hillside in northern Israel beside a nature trail trampled by thousands of hikers lies a tiny graveyard without names.

In a country which reveres its fallen soldiers, this is a military cemetery of those reviled by Israel — a graveyard of Arab commandos killed by the Israeli Army.

"Every terrorist who is killed in southern Lebanon and along Israel's borders is buried there," a military source told Reuters, referring to the cemetery named after the nearby Israeli collective farm of Gadot.

The 1,500-square-metre (1,800-square-yard) plot lies near the Jordan river opposite the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights. Abandoned Israeli and Syrian bunkers and the sound of Israeli tanks firing training rounds over the ridge serve as a reminder that this was a place of war.

The 224 numbered wooden plaques testify to scores of commando attacks on Israel.

Major-General Yossi Peled, Army commander for the north, said yesterday that Israeli troops had killed 70 commandos along the Lebanese border this year. Four died in the past fortnight in a wave of clashes along the Lebanese and Jordanian borders.

The cemetery at Gadot was set up after a 1956 Army decision to build special graveyards for Israel's foes. Rabbi Shlomo Goren who made the proposal, said he was following a humanitarian example set by the Jews' biblical ancestors.

"King David's Chief of Staff, Yoav, organised the burial of enemy casualties. This was appreciated by non-Jewish states and seen as a great achievement," Goren, the first chief rabbi of the Israeli Army, told Reuters.

"We have to pay tribute even to the enemy. After they are killed, they are no longer the enemy," he

said. "I did this because our ancestors did it. That was enough for me."

But at least one of the cemeteries created to respect "even the enemy" has become the burial site for some of the Palestinians from the occupied territories killed in a 21-month uprising against Israeli occupation.

Defence officials said these Palestinians, classified by the Army as "terrorists," are buried in a Jordan valley site. It is out of bounds to relatives and friends to prevent political funerals and pilgrimages to graves of people labelled by Arabs as "martyrs."

An Israeli lawyer for the families of two Palestinian activists shot dead in an Army raid in the West Bank town of Nablus a week ago said she had petitioned Israel's Supreme Court to have the bodies exhumed from the graveyard near Jericho.

The Army has denied the families access to the bodies, saying they were buried in a secret cemetery for "terrorists."

Lawyer Leah Tsemel said the Army told the families they would be able to see the bodies on Monday, a concession largely designed to squelch widespread rumours in Nablus that troops mutilated the bodies.

The first time the Army disclosed to Palestinian families that their dead were buried in a "terrorist" cemetery was in May after a gunbattle in Beit Ula village near Hebron in which an Israeli soldier and three Palestinians were killed.

Israeli media quoted military sources as saying troops forced an Arab to load the bodies of the dead Palestinians into his truck and drive to a cemetery in northern Israel.

The driver later said that he was blindfolded while the troops drove the truck at night, leaving open the possibility they travelled to the cemetery near Jericho rather than Gadot.

Syria offers hostage help

LONDON, Sept 11. (Reuter): Syria's foreign minister said in remarks published today Damascus was ready to help free Western hostages held in Lebanon.

"In the past, we played an important role to help in the release of a number of foreign hostages in Lebanon on humanitarian grounds and we believe this role must continue," Farouq Al Shara said.

Seventeen Westerners are missing and believed kidnapped in Lebanon. Several released hostages have found their way home through Damascus.

"In reply to a question, Shara said Syria did not intend to stay in Lebanon for ever."

"Syria wants a secure and stable Lebanon without an Israeli occupation of any part of its territory," he said.

Fires trap Lebanese

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stronghold of Souk El Gharb, 16 miles (25 kilometres) to the south.

The two towns sit on road networks leading into the besieged enclave from the predominantly Shiite Muslim Bekaa valley and the Druze hinterland in the Chouf region.

Syrian guns above Ein El Tuf-fah hammered the Christian town of Bekfaya, hometown of former President Amin Gemayel, for seven hours through the night, setting the surrounding pine-woods afire.

Bekfaya's estimated 15,000 population were trapped in basements throughout the battle because the fires blocked all escape routes from the town. Another 5,000 people were stuck in nearby Ein Saadeh, said the police spokesman said.

Both sides battled with tank fire overnight and through the day today around Souk El

Gharb, ringed by Syria's Druze allies.

The Syrians and allied Druze militiamen have been increasingly pressuring the Christian defenses along the 66-mile (110-kilometre) mountain front in the last few weeks.

But so far there has been no sign they plan a major ground offensive into the 310-square-mile (800 square kilometre) enclave where an estimated one million Christians are trapped with their backs to the Mediterranean Sea.

Along the Green Line, Syrian and Christian troops clashed with automatic weapons as howitzer and mortar guns thundered overhead keeping Beirut's remaining 150,000 residents in bomb shelters.

The rest of the city's 1.5 million population have fled the battered city over the past six months, seeking refuge in north, east and south Lebanon.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Troops killed: Rebels in northern Ethiopia said today they had killed 1,025 government soldiers over the last two weeks during heavy fighting in the northeastern province of Wollo.

The clandestine radio of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) said it and its ally the Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement (EPDM) had also captured 379 Ethiopian troops during the battles which began on Aug 29.

The broadcast, monitored in Nairobi, said the prisoners included a major and three lieutenants, but as usual it gave no details of rebel losses.

The government, which last week opened peace talks with the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), another rebel movement in Ethiopia's northern province, has not commented on the TPLF claim and no independent confirmation was possible. (Reuter)

Women win seat: The committee supervising the election of the legislative council in the autonomous region of Kurdistan said two women had won seats in the 50-seat body.

The committee, headed by vice-chairman of the revolutionary command council Izzat Ibrahim, made no mention of the turnout in Saturday's election or the votes each candidate received.

The official Iraqi News Agency said about 785,000 Kurds were eligible to vote for the 50-seat council, or local parliament, which sits for three years.

Laws passed in 1974 granted autonomy to Kurds in the northern towns of Erbil, Sulaimaniyah and Dohuk. (Reuter)

Somalia rebel force: A handful of mujaahideen from the Somali Army who took to the bush in March have built a rebel force which now controls a wide swathe of southern Somalia, according to itinerant traders.

The new force increases pressure on the 65,000-strong armed forces loyal to President Mohamed Siad Barre, which are already fighting a guerrilla force in the north.

The traders, who often cross from government to rebel-held territory selling goods ranging from cattle to soap powder, said the southern guerrillas controlled much of the Juba River valley and had virtually besieged the southern port city of Kisumu.

The recently-formed Somali Patriotic Front (SPF) had attacked so many convoys on the road from Kisumu to the capital Mogadishu that the government now supplied the town by sea, they said at this Kenyan border post. (Reuter)

Official to be tried: A member of the former 5-man state council, which collectively served as president of Sudan, will appear before a military tribunal Thursday on charges of illegally possessing medicines and consumer goods in commercial quantities.

Today's edition of the state-owned newspaper Al Guwat Al Musalaha said that Pacifico Ladu Loleik will be tried by one of three special military courts set up to try former politicians accused of corruption and abuse of power.

He is the third former senior official to be prosecuted in recent weeks. Loleik and more than 30 other ousted officials, including former Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi, have been in custody since the June 30 military coup led by Lt Gen. Omar Hassan El Bashir. (AP)

New leader: Tunisia's main opposition party, the Movement of Democratic Socialists (MDS), elected a new leader yesterday with Mohamed Moada succeeding Ahmed Mestiri as secretary-general.

Mestiri, who founded the party in 1978, resigned after his policy of support for President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali failed to win the MDS a single seat during a general election in April.

Ben Ali's constitutional Democratic Assembly Party won all seats in the parliament. (Reuter)

Begins hunger strike: A Lebanese gunman serving a life sentence in France for trying to kill the Shah of Iran's last prime minister has started a hunger strike, his lawyer said today.

Anis Naccache is demanding to be united with four other jailed members of a commando unit which tried to kill Shapur Bakhtiar in Paris in 1980. A French woman and a policeman were killed in the attack.

Naccache's lawyer Jacques Verges called the demand "a preliminary stage prior to his release in keeping with the promises made by the two previous (French) governments which were never kept."

Verges said France had twice promised to free Naccache in exchange for French hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon. The last French hostages were released in May 1988. (Reuter)

Student held: Police detained a woman medical student after a bomb exploded today in the garden of the US Consulate in Istanbul, security officials said.

They said the bomb damaged cars but no one was hurt. Enis Naccache is demanding to be united with four other jailed members of a commando unit which tried to kill Shapur Bakhtiar in Paris in 1980. A French woman and a policeman were killed in the attack.

Among several bombings in Istanbul this year, the British and Israeli consulates and the premises of a Turkish-US Businessmen's Association have been hit. A banned far left group claimed responsibility for the attack on the association. (Reuter)

Festival for a cedar: A nearly month-long festival of dance and music is scheduled to be held from Sept 15 until Oct 13 in several southwestern cities in France to collect funds to help the Lebanese people, it was reported here.

Funds collected at the "festival for a cedar" in the south-western region of Midi-Pyrenees, and expected to be held at Toulouse, Castres, Lourdes or Rodez, will be used to buy medical equipment for Lebanon and to help families victims of the war, the organisers said.

The festival is organised by the Association of the City of Toulouse "to live together in Lebanon." (Kuna)

Fatah official killed: An official of Yasser Arafat's mainstream Palestinian Fatah movement was found dead yesterday with gunshot wounds in the latest of a series of killings in the Sidon area of Lebanon, security sources said.

The body of Mohammed Ayoub was found in the boot of a car near the Palestinian refugee camp of Miyeh Miyeh south of Sidon, a Fatah stronghold 40 km (25 miles) south of Beirut, they said.

Two Palestinian officials of the radical Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) and two members of the local militia, the Popular Liberation Army (PLA), have been killed by gunmen in Sidon in the last four weeks.

New Algerian PM to face economic crisis

ALGIERS, Sept 11. (Reuter): Algeria's new prime minister must cope with an economic crisis and political hurdles within the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) in his drive to speed the pace of democratic reform, political analysts said today.

Mouloud Hamrouche, appointed by President Chadli Benjedid on Saturday, quickly pledged to carry through sweeping political and economic reforms launched under his predecessors, Kasdi Merbah.

But the analysts said Hamrouche faced the same obstacles which could have caused Merbah's downfall: deep-rooted economic problems and resistance by the FLN old guard to Algeria's march toward multiparty democracy.

"The new head of government will have his work cut out for him," said the French-language Daily Horizons in an editorial.

"The state of economic lethargy and latent social discontent must find as soon as possible courageous and radical answers."

Hamrouche, 47, traced the broad outlines of his agenda to Algerian journalists yesterday, stressing the need to fight inflation, create jobs and implement reforms launched after youth riots shook the country last October.

One diplomat said that, pending the announcement of his cabinet, it was unclear how Hamrouche would differ from Merbah in his conception and handling of the reforms.

But Hamrouche has already proposed a partial redrafting of the some of the reform legislation, presumably to bring it more into line with the spirit of a new constitution adopted last February.

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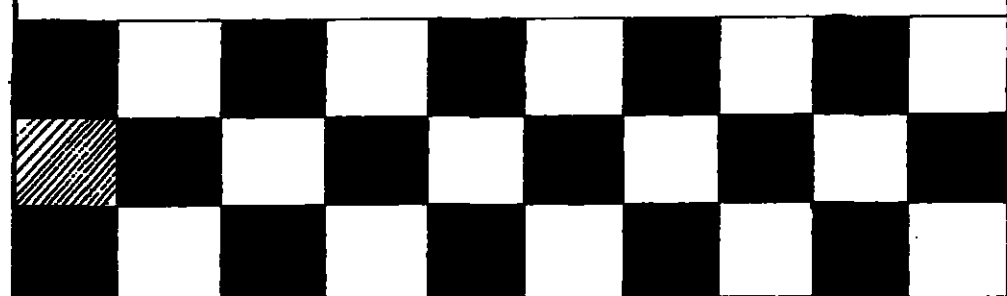
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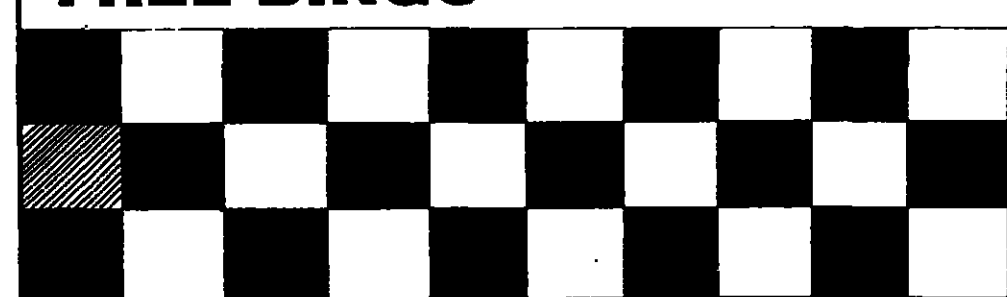
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Moscow hails Kuwait's policies

Stances identical: Kapitsa

MOSCOW, Sept 11. (Kuna): A leading Soviet politician today praised Kuwait's foreign policy describing it as "wise, balanced and gaining admiration world-wide."

Interviewed by Kuwait News Agency, (Kuna), former Deputy Foreign Minister and Director of Eastern Studies Institute Mikhail Kapitsa emphasised that Moscow is looking with great interest and admiration at the positive Kuwaiti policy not only in the Middle East but on the international level as well.

He noted that Kuwait and the Soviet Union are linked with close political and economic relations and are also enjoying good co-operation ties in military fields.

Kapitsa, who is also chairman of the Afro-Asian solidarity committee, indicated that Soviet-Kuwaiti stances were identical regarding international questions, particularly on the Third World debt problem.

Policy

On Soviet-Arab relations, Kapitsa denied that the Soviet Union has "allies" in the Middle East saying that "alliances" could only be made in accordance with signed treaties such as that concluded between the Soviet Union and Mongolia or the one between Warsaw Pact states.

The Soviet politician, who is also member of the Soviet parliament's foreign relations committee, said however his country is making "friends" in the Mideast with whom it is linked by agreements of friendship and co-operation.

He asserted the abidance of the Soviet Union by its declared foreign policy of backing victims of aggression and social injustice, stressing that Moscow has been "a natural friend" of national liberation movements.

Kapitsa pointed out that Soviet policy renounces war as a means for resolving disputes among various countries, but he said that any state facing an "imperialist offensive" has the right for self-defence and will subsequently be supported by

Moscow by all means, including arms supply.

He refuted that the Soviet Union was abandoning its friends and affirmed Moscow's attentiveness to developments in the Middle East, referring to recent shuttle trips in the region by Soviet envoys.

Friends

Referring to "urgent calls" by certain Soviet writers for resuming diplomatic relations between Moscow and Tel-Aviv, Kapitsa indicated that those calls did not comply with the trend pursued by the Soviet government, his institute and the majority of the Soviet community.

Additional exchange companies shut down

THE number of money exchange firms closed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have increased to 25 firms as of yesterday, a local daily reported.

These firms were closed for violating the stipulations of the licenses provided to them. These violations related to opening deposit accounts, receiving overseas drafts and not maintaining proper records. The licence provided these firms only provides them to trade in currencies in the local market.

Meanwhile, a responsible source said that meetings between officials of the Ministry of Commerce, the Central Bank and owners of the closed firms are ongoing. These meetings are intended to ascertain the financial standings of these firms and to arrive at an amicable settlement to refund deposits to depositors.

Pledge

Sources said that the authorities are willing to reopen some firms who have committed simple violations such as not maintaining proper financial records, provided owners give a pledge of undertaking to the Ministry of Commerce not to repeat the violation in the future. Other firms who have committed serious violations will be investigated by the authorities after they have refunded deposits of customers. The process of refunding depositors amounts is expected to take up to two weeks, the sources said.

In a related development, the Central Bank entertained queries from about 200 customers who had dealings with the closed firms. The bank's authorities provided these customers with answers to their queries in relation to obtaining their deposits.

Comprehensive driving tests

ALL traffic departments at the different governorates have been instructed to ensure that all applicants who are undertaking driving tests should be comprehensively tested — specifically in areas related to international and local traffic signs.

Commenting on the issue, the director-general of the General Traffic Administration (GTA) Brigadier Abdul Hameed Al Hajji said that these stipulations are intended to qualify drivers in clearly understanding traffic rules and regulations.



Fire at wood store

A MAJOR blaze at a wood store in Sabhan Industrial Area damaged a large quantity of the material at the store as well as in an adjoining carpentry shop. 35 firemen battled the flames and damage is estimated at 25 per cent of the store's assets. Lt. Col Mansouri of the fire department attributed the blaze to lack of fire fighting equipment at the store and above capacity storage.

Construction sector suffers sharp decline

Competition from Asian companies

THE construction sector did not show any sign of improvement in profits and performance of its companies during this year. The reason is attributed to too many companies trying to compete for a reduced number of projects. This leads to the sharp decline in tender prices quoted by these companies, which reduces profits.

Some contractors gave Quraish Housing Project as an example of the intense competition among construction companies that resulted in big losses. They referred these losses to the low prices quoted by firms to gain projects without taking into consideration specifications and quality, bad administration and financial mismanagement in allocating and disbursing funds received by them on the basis of first payment of project cost.

They added that firms which followed pragmatic policies and refused to give low prices for carrying out projects succeeded in preserving their existence. Firms with strong capital were better able to face the retreat in the construction market and sharp competition, they added.

One of the contractors at the construction sector commented on Chinese manpower and Chinese contracting companies that suffered great losses during their work at Quraish Housing Project because of so called "burnt prices" offered by these firms. But they stressed that local agents of the Chinese companies benefited from these projects because they secured their commission irrespective of the contracting firm made a loss or profited.

Construction companies are still reluctant to involve themselves in the Iraqi market due to the fluctuating value of the Iraqi dinar, the contractor said.

Commitments

The chief engineer at a construction company Farouk Tarhman has said that most companies involved with the Quraish project were referred to the judicial authorities. Only two companies out of a total of 18 companies completed their commitments on time. Some of the defaulting companies were obliged to sell their equipments and many sub-contractors submitted complaints against the main contractors for not paying them their financial dues.

He added that most companies priced the cost of each housing unit at the project between KD40,000 and KD42,000 while

the actual cost of the unit is KD54,000. Competition among the companies helped the National Housing Authority (NHA) get lower quotes and called on relevant authorities to pay financial dues directly to sub-contractors because the main contractors did not pay the last instalments to the sub-contractors.

He added that only 20 construction companies abide by a good level of work out of 200 companies working in the local market.

Tarhman believed that large companies are still running after government projects which allow more profits. He described the supervision of NHA projects carried out by the companies as stringent. He added that any worker who does not get his payment for more than two months cannot be expected to be productive. Manpower costs 30 per cent of the cost of normal construction, he said.

He pointed out that the Koreans appeared on Kuwait's construction scene in 1981. But they incurred losses when they quoted prices less than the costs of these projects.

Housing inquiry service installed

THE director-general of the National Housing Authority (NHA), Dr Ibrahim Al Shabien yesterday, inspected offices of the telephone inquiry services recently instituted by NHA which provides citizens information on any inquiries that might have related to housing issues.

Shabien was briefed by senior officials with respect to the various types of questions phoned in by citizens and went on to familiarise himself on a first hand basis by personally answering a number of such telephone calls. The official expressed his satisfaction on the smooth operations of this service and said that on the first day of the services, about 200 calls had been registered.

In a related development, Ahmad Al Dikbas, director of public relations and citizens service office at NHA praised the new service offered by the authority. The service is designed and introduced to save time and efforts of citizens who desire to ask questions relating to their housing needs, the official said.

He added that citizens through this service can register their complaints related to this service and can additionally follow up their applications submitted to get government houses. Commenting further, he said that the majority of questions placed through the telephone service focused on dates of obtaining housing, means of taking possession and maintaining these houses. Citizens who need any clarifications related to their housing should call 2425561-2425562.

Medical conference

THE chairman of the Kuwait Medical Society Dr Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al Rashed today chairs a meeting for the organising committees of the 8th Medical Conference to be held at the society's ceremonial hall under the slogan, 'Medical Practice for Better Health,' from November 6 to 9.

Rashed told a local daily that participants in the conference would include senior professors of medicine from both the Arab and international world, and that the issues to be tackled at the conference included diabetes, kidney stones, ulcers in general and ulcer of the duodenum in particular, anti-biotics and medical training.

15 years jail Rape at gun point

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a man in absentia to 15 years in jail with hard labour on the charge of raping a house maid at gun-point.

The court heard that the defendant, a recruit in the national guard, came to the house where the maid worked and asked to see her employers. When she told him that there was no one at home, he pushed the door open, grabbed her by the hand and sexually assaulted her at gunpoint.

He left immediately after he committed his crime, and the victim did not report the incident out of fear. Meanwhile, the brother of her employer who shared the house saw the military man leave the house and he managed to pick up the plate number of his car.

He went into the house and saw the maid fixing up her clothes, which made him suspicious and therefore took her down to the local police station where she confessed to the incident.

As police investigations were catching up with the defendant, he left for Saudi Arabia, in the mean time the maid was rushed to the hospital and pronounced 21 weeks pregnant.

The defendant's father admitted that the number plate belonged to one of the cars used by the family including the suspect, and that he had earlier expelled his son out of the house for involvement in foul play, and consequently he had no idea as to his current whereabouts.

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Commercial commission meet again

THE Kuwait Commercial Revaluation Commission has reportedly held its third meeting at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry premises, in response to directives from the Council of Ministers to find solutions to eliminate weaknesses in the commercial business in the country resulting from tight security measures.

A local daily quoted sources at the meeting as saying that discussions dealt with proposed changes in existing ports, customs and airport landing tariff, as well as ways to simplify related procedures and ease off constraints on imports access into the country as well as those on re-exports.

The meeting was attended by senior ministry officials, deputy director general of the customs department, deputy director general for directorate general civil aviation and others.

Meanwhile, the standing committee for the Gulf Co-operation Council - Ports' Authorities opened its 7th meeting, here today.

A press release by the council's secretariat general said that the committee will discuss a number of recommendations adopted by a previous meeting.

Doha fishermen have a hard life

A LOCAL daily toured the gathering location of fishermen in the Doha area to highlight their problems. They said that they left their countries to work in Kuwait to earn an honest living. Unfortunately, most fishermen live a very hard life and barely manage to survive with their families.

Abdul Nahi Mohammed said that they are prevented from fishing during specific months and that they have been unable to send their families any money since the past four months. Fishing during certain periods is prohibited despite the fact that they have to pay their dues to office owners. He said that if their conditions stayed the same, they will be faced with many problems with employers and office owners who give them advance money for fishing. He added that most fishermen cannot leave the country to see their families due to visa restrictions.

He went on to state that during normal working days, they can obtain more fish but when it is windy they are compelled to search for better fishing grounds. The only day off is on Fridays this too is spent in fixing nets and repairing boats. Mohammed complained of the stalls that are provided to them as living quarters and demanded improvements in living standards and utilities around these stalls. He indicated that most fishermen live like animals inside small shacks lacking air-conditioners and sanitary facilities. He added that mostly, he is forced to stay the night over in the street.

On sale of fish, he said that they sell wholesale to merchants. He said that Maad and Zohaidi are highly demanded by consumers as also Shour and Hamour.

Hamdan Sharshar stated that most fishermen face many obstacles in their work like unintentionally straying across borders, in addition to being prohibited from fishing in particular areas. He added that fishermen are usually stopped by security patrols at sea who demand to see their identity cards. He said that the best time for fishing is during the middle of the month when the water is high.

Salah Abdul Nahi said that fishermen should not be prevented from fishing at particular locations due to the small quantities of fish caught in selected zones. He indicated that if he had a choice, he would rather stay with his family currently living in his home town, instead of staying in Kuwait due to the hard living conditions. He demanded that officials should provide better housing conditions to all fishermen.

GTA gears up to control traffic

Optimum maintenance of signals

THE director of the capital governorate traffic division colonel Salem Al Roumi has said that the General Traffic Administration was currently intensifying traffic control and deploying more traffic policemen in all known high-traffic areas in the country in anticipation of the start of the new academic year.

He said that this would enable traffic police to better control

traffic during peak hours marking the exodus of public servants and schools students, and that this process would be possible through systematic co-ordination of effort with the relevant Interior Ministry personnel as regards traffic on motorways.

Contacts were also under way with traffic lights maintenance contractors, whereby the department would ensure the well-

being of all operating traffic lights to avoid potential malfunction which could put traffic in a state of disarray, Roumi said.

Special broadcasts

He added that efforts were going on to upgrade the performance of lights standing at the major intersections alongside the central road network in order to prevent any possible traffic con-

gestions, and that for this purpose the information media would broadcast special reports to all road-users to keep them up-to-date on the state of traffic along roads leading major parts of the country.

He said that the process would also make maximum use of the computerised traffic control system and operate helicopters to monitor traffic progress and

eliminate chances for possible traffic jams.

He added that special vice squads would be deployed around girl schools to apprehend loiterers and potential molesters, who would be subject to imprisonment not exceeding three months or fined no more than KD100, under article No. 31 of the Traffic Law.



Joxe (left) with Sheikh Salem (centre)

Joxe leaves for home

Kuwait, France sign security agreement

KUWAIT, Sept 11, (Kuna): Kuwait and France today signed a security co-operation agreement under which the two sides would exchange expertise in civil defence and combating terrorism and drug trafficking.

The accord crowned a three-day visit here by French Interior Minister Pierre Joxe who left Kuwait this morning.

It was signed by Joxe and

Kuwait has always sought to upgrade its internal and external defence systems and that the Franco-Kuwaiti agreement was in line with this policy.

The accord would open new horizons for Kuwait to benefit from the French experience in areas of police work and civil defence, he said.

Kuna learnt the accord tackles the two countries' efforts to fight terrorism and drug trafficking and calls for contacts between the French and Kuwaiti interior ministries to define areas where French expertise can be employed.

Joxe, the first French interior minister to visit Kuwait, has met

here with His Highness the Amir, and His Highness Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, while his in-depth talks were with Sheikh Salem.

During his visit Joxe, accompanied by Sheikh Salem paid a visit to the ministry's computer centre.

The centre's director Fahd Abdel Karim and other officials acquainted the guest with the systems applied in the centre's various sections.

The minister, accompanied by Undersecretary Youssef Al Khorafi, also visited Ahmad governorate and were received by Governor Ali Sabah Al Salem and senior officers.

Menem lauds Amir's policy

BELGRADE, Sept 11, (Kuna): Argentinian President Carlos Menem, planning to tour Arab Gulf countries soon, has hailed Kuwait's foreign policy particularly the Amir's initiative on Third World debts.

Interviewed by Kuna during his stay here for the non-aligned summit conference, Menem said he had received a number of invitations to visit Arab countries.

"I am proud of these invitations and I will pay some of them starting with Arab Gulf countries," said the Argentinian President, who is of Arab descent.

"We have more in common and there are strong ties between Argentina and the Arabs," he said and questioned "why should we not promote those relations which were not punctuated with any differences throughout history?"

"I am proud of my Arab descent and I regard it an advantage which makes me more capable than others to boost Arab-Latin American relations, particularly between Argentina and the Arab brothers," he added.

Menem, whose country maintains diplomatic relations with Israel, expressed hope that Buenos Aires would soon recognise the Palestinian state.

He voiced his support to the Palestinian Liberation Organisation and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

Asked on the Falklands issue, Menem stressed the inalienable rights of his people, saying his country does not intend to solve the problem militarily.

He added the dispute could be settled politically through dialogue with Britain.

"I am optimistic of my upcoming meeting with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. I believe that hostility and fighting would only aggravate problems," he said.

Asked whether he converted to Christianity to stand for presidential elections, Menem emphatically denied the allegation, saying the question of his religion was meant to smear him during the election campaign.



Goodbye mom...



Hello teacher



Friends consoling each other on the first day of school while the little boy chews his finger in anxiety.



Greetings! how nice to see you again!



Lets begin work in earnest. Photos by Haltham Morsheid

New academic year begins

200,000 tots start school

AS OVER 200,000 students returned to school yesterday, hundreds of traffic police patrolled the main roads and crosspoints early in the morning to organise the flow of traffic.

Students of the kindergarten and primary stages, both in the private and government Arab schools resumed their studies and started the 1989/90 scholastic year.

Teachers received the students and immediately began distribution of books and quickly began their normal studies.

There were very few traffic jams as the traffic department

geared up to solve any traffic jams were seen only in areas with high concentration of Arab schools particularly in Surrah, Jabriya and Salwa.

The Ministries of Interior and Education have in the past few years divided the return of students into two batches. The first batch of kindergarten and primary stages go to schools on one day and the intermediate and secondary students will go on another. This year, the intermediate and secondary students are due to resume studies on Saturday, Sept 16.

This method has greatly succeeded in reducing traffic congestion that used to take place every year on the day of students return to schools. There are over 500,000 students in Kuwait. Parents woke early in the morning and took their children to school.

Parents greatly appreciated the initiative launched by HH the Amir by ordering the aircon-

ditioning of all schools in the country. So far the Education Ministry had completed the air-conditioning of all kindergartens and primary schools. The ministry will install A/C units in intermediate and secondary schools next year. The parents said that airconditioning of classrooms will certainly increase the productivity of both students and teachers.

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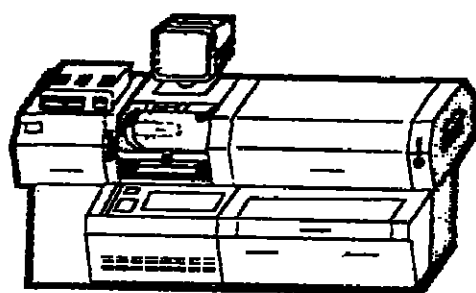
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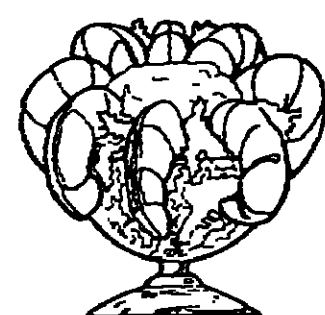
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Abraham Lincoln, former US president — 1809-1865.

Ethiopian conflict

Peace bid
'to succeed'

ETHIOPIAN rebel leader Isaias Afewerki predicted on Sunday that the latest peace initiative to resolve the country's bloody conflict in the northern Eritrea province would succeed.

"One has enough reasons to believe there is a lot of hope in what we are doing now. It is not only the wishes of the people... but the situation does not allow (failure). People themselves feel very optimistic," Isaias told Reuters.

"What is encouraging about these talks is that they have come after a bitter experience. Internally all attempts (to solve the war) have failed and opposition has been growing inside."

"The global and regional political situation has been also encouraging because people are now talking about solving conflicts and wars everywhere," he added.

He spoke in an exclusive interview in this southern American city as negotiators from his rebel Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) and Ethiopia took a brief recess after three days of talks here aimed at ending Eritrea's 28-year war.

The negotiations, at which both sides have for the first time agreed to meet without pre-conditions, are chaired by a neutral observer, former US president Jimmy Carter.

They ended yesterday with both the EPLF and Ethiopian government agreeing to meet again soon to resolve the Eritrean conflict, Africa's longest-running civil war.

The war has killed up to a million people, forced 800,000 others to flee the province bordering the Red Sea, Ethiopia's main outlet to the outside world, and aggravated a chronic famine in the desert region of 3.5 million people.

The 43-year-old Isaias, giving a rare press interview, said the Ethiopian government offered unconditional talks to the rebels last May because it knew it could no longer sustain the war effort.

The Soviet Union, chief military backer of President Mengistu Haile Mariam's government, had also told him to seek peace with the insurgents, he said.

Mengistu unveiled the latest peace plan, which accommodated many EPLF demands, after he was nearly overthrown by the country's military commanders demanding a rapid end to the Eritrean war.

Isaias said the Atlanta peace talks had not discussed ceasefire, a subject expected to come up in the next full round of talks which the EPLF leader said he expected to take place within six months.

"But as a matter of principle, we are prepared to discuss this," he said.

Isaias, himself not directly taking part in the negotiations, said about 200 Ethiopian troops had either been killed or wounded in the past two weeks in low-level fighting with EPLF forces south of Eritrea's capital Asmara.

However, the fighting would not affect the talks here, he said.

But he expressed concern that the government appeared it did not want to hold similar peace negotiations with another rebel group fighting in Tigray province adjacent to Eritrea.

Since almost two weeks ago rebels of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), campaigning since 1975 to topple Mengistu, have repeatedly clashed with Ethiopian troops.

The insurgents have claimed to have captured a series of towns and killed hundreds of soldiers in the fighting which broke out after several months of lull in military activity there.

But the Ethiopian government and the TPLF have said they will also meet to try to end the Tigray conflict, and the TPLF has already accepted Carter as a mediator in the proposed negotiations. No date nor venue has been set.

Some Ethiopians are hopeful that the leaders of their government have, as one Ethiopian official put it, "finally come to their senses" in offering to negotiate peace with the rebels in the north.

But other Ethiopians, including rebel leaders, are sceptical. They worry that the Marxist government of Mengistu Haile Mariam is merely taking peace to gain time to rebuild its devastated, leaderless army, after many defeats and a near-successful coup May 16 by most of its top officers.

A Western diplomat here acknowledges that negotiation would give the military time to rebuild. But, he says, the government is serious about seeking peace and "genuinely wants to start negotiations." However, if talks do start again he says, "I think it's going to be a long haul" to a settlement.

"This time last year, the (government) slogan was 'Everything to the war front,'" the diplomat said. "Now it's 'Everything to the peace front.'"

A spokesman in the United States for the rebel EPLF, Tesfai Ghermazem, is doubtful. "They (the government) just bring the slogan of peaceful negotiations whenever they are in trouble. They use it as a means of regroup and launch another offensive."

The government made its first public peace overtures to the Eritrean rebels in June when it urged them to take part in negotiations to end Africa's longest running civil war. The official "peace initiative" statement offered to begin talks "without any preconditions," and to conduct them "in the presence of an observer to be selected by mutual consent."

Several factors appear to be pushing the Ethiopian government to diplomats, and Western political analysts in London and the US.

Military defeats. The Army has lost ground steadily over the past year, and has also apparently lost the will to fight. In some cases, rebels have smashed the Army; in other cases, as in the Tigray capital of Mekele, the Army simply deserted rather than fight.

Rebels now control Tigre and much of Eritrea, Ethiopia's two northernmost provinces. (Atlanta — Reuters, CSM)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1571 — France's King Charles IX and Huguenot leader Admiral Coligny are reconciled; Turkish fleet attacks shipping in Adriatic Sea, and John of Austria assembles fleet to oppose them.

1683 — John III of Poland and Charles of Lorraine raise Turkish siege of Vienna.

1771 — French force enters Bay of Rio de Janeiro.

1772 — Russia takes Baku and Derbent on Caspian Sea from Persia.

1801 — Alexander I of Russia announces annexation of Georgia in Russia.

1848 — Switzerland adopts new constitution as a federal union with strong central government.

1890 — British South Africa Company founds Salisbury in Roshanaland, Rhodesia.

1919 — Gabriel D'Annunzio leads unofficial Italian Army to seize Fiume.

1944 — First US troops reach German soil in World War II.

1964 — Dissident Army officers try unsuccessfully to overthrow government of South Vietnam.

1970 — Palestine commandos blow up three hijacked airliners in Jordan.

1976 — Chinese leaders gather in Peking for funeral of Mao Tse-Tung.

1986 — Israeli fighter-bombers strafe suspected Palestinian commando coastal base near south Lebanon's port of Sidon.

1987 — Communist rebels battle troops in fierce fighting near Manila.

Rethink on reunification

Bonn afraid of East German exodus

THE tens of thousands of East Germans streaming into West Germany this year are forcing Bonn to rethink one of its most deeply felt but most confusing policy goals — reunification.

The refugees, most of whom were born after World War II, which split Germany in two, are vivid proof of a continuing common national identity bridging the ideological divide.

But instead of being an occasion for self-congratulation, their dramatic exodus — over 100,000 are expected here this year — has shaken Bonn's cautious détente with East Berlin.

Politicians of all colours are warning against undermining the hardline communist state. A few have even proposed a "Marshall plan" to boost East Germany's flagging economy.

"The West Germans are near victory, they have proven that theirs is the superior system," one Western diplomat commented. "And now they are afraid of the consequences."

One possible consequence is unrest in East Germany as young people, frustrated at the sight of so many leaving, protest against a stubbornly orthodox leadership that refuses to introduce reforms. Another is tighter political isolation and further economic stagnation, a path that would make the material lot of average East Germans worse than it already is.

A third possibility, down the road but perhaps not as far as some leaders think, could be a chain of events that pushes both Germanys toward a still vague reunified status linking the West's 61 million people with the 16 million in East Germany.

While nobody sees peaceful reunification soon, many fear a volatile East Germany could spark off faster changes in Europe's post-war balance than either East or West would want.

"All of these scenarios have East Germany going down the drain," the diplomat said. "That's too risky."

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, facing a right-wing threat in next year's general elections, has begun speaking more openly about reunification, a goal set out in Bonn's 1949 constitution and officially supported by its Western allies.

"The events of the past few weeks have made it clear that the German question has stayed on the agenda of world politics," Kohl said in parliament last week. "It has not been dumped on the garbage heap of history. The Germans' will for unity in freedom is unbroken."

But apart from urging East Berlin to reform, he did not lay out any new ideas on what should replace Bonn's patient détente efforts over the past two decades, known here as the "policy of the little steps."

Nor has Willy Brandt, father of the "little steps" approach that sought to draw East Germany ever closer to West Germany, any clear replacement for the policy.

"An era is coming to an end, an era in which our relations to the other German state aimed to preserve the cohesion of divided families, and therefore the nation, through small steps," said Brandt early this month.

He said the Germans' desire for self-determination must remain a pillar of Bonn's policies towards East Berlin, but added: "It remains to be seen whatever kind of state can represent this."

While foreigners tend to think that German reun-



An East German refugee makes the 'V' for victory sign while he displays on his car door, a piece of the 'Iron Curtain', which was recently torn down in Hungary. (Heuter wirephoto)

ification must mean the merger of the two existing German states, West Germans are aware of the resistance that idea could run into and have spun a web of far more subtle ideas to foster the unity of their countrymen.

A common theme is that state borders, usually defined as the frontiers of an ethnic "nation", will lose their meaning as European countries integrate ever more closely.

One such plan is for West Germany to form a truly federal state at the core of the European Economic Community (EEC) with France, Italy and the Benelux countries.

The rest of the EEC, along with Norway and Austria, could form a second ring of countries united in a single internal market, while a third

concentric circle would be a free trade zone with Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Hungary and Poland.

The outermost ring would be of all other associated states, including the Soviet Union, United States and Canada.

East Germany, according to this plan, would start off in the third ring but gradually move in towards the core in step with its domestic reforms.

"The 'nation' is a will-o'-the-wisp word that has impressed us since the French Revolution but does not fit and has never fitted with anything in Germany," leading columnist Johannes Gross wrote in his recent book "Phoenix in Ashes."

"It is foreign to our traditions and to our political thought."

'Nasty dispute with Europeans'

Battle for American farmer

ONE of the most crucial issues of our times is international trade. The conditions for global trade are undergoing vast changes as manufacturing is internationalised, trading rules are in flux as never before and 12 European countries are readying to join in a single market by 1992.

And since Carla Hills, the United States trade representative, is playing a decisive role in most of these changes, I asked her in a special interview to explain how she views, above all the development of a single European market.

"We applaud the development of a single European market," she replied, "because we favour eliminations of trade barriers, but we have to be very vigilant that as the Europeans eliminate trade restrictions among themselves their single market is not turning into a protectionist area. We are watching in particular the so-called exclusionary rules the European Commission is issuing because they can be, however indirectly, restrictive and hence become barriers to international trade."

"We are having for instance, a nasty dispute with the European Economic Community over their banning of hormones in beef cattle, an important export to American farmers. Superficially the objections to American beef are based on arguments of health, but we believe that the real reason is to keep it out of the European market."

Hills explained in great detail why there really is no difference between the treatment of American and European beef and why the American hormone treatment is only superficially different from the European. But so far the dispute has not yet been resolved and Hills is determined to do battle for the American farmer.

There are other disputes. Bills will be pressing for a clear definition, for instance, of the meaning of the declaration of the rule of origin. Does it mean that unless a firm build a plant inside the Community it will not be able to participate in trade within the single market? It is even unclear whether an American circuit board manufactured in Europe would meet the conditions of the rule of origin and local content declaration. Many American and Japanese firms have begun to design their product around circuit boards produced by European manufacturers. Nor is it clear as yet whether Japanese cars manufactured in the US will be treated as American cars or be subjected to more stringent rules applied those manufactured in Japan.

There are good many examples too where the EEC agreed to modify various rules after protest from the United States. In case of the doctrine of reciprocity in the financial sector, for instance, the Commission recognised that it had not fully thought through how it would be applied and agreed to modify the rules to meet American objections.

Hills explains that she has created a well staffed office in Brussels, headed by an ambassador, who

watches every step the European Commission takes and how it will affect American and especially congressional interests. The US Department of Commerce, too, maintains an office in Brussels to follow its own special interests. All this is proof of how closely the United States is watching developments in the European Economic Community, the importance it attaches to them and the readiness on the part of the US government to defend American interests if necessary by retaliation. Japan, for instance, could not match the bargaining power at the disposal of the United States.

Hills expects some very tough bargaining at the next GATT meeting, the so-called Uruguay round, which, as she put it, "is the last hope in this century for liberalising international trade. Liberalisation is, after all, the motor of growth and growth in turn is the creator of wealth for the people in the world." She feels very strongly, she says, that at the Uruguay round there will be a need to agree on ways by which the world will develop the necessary discipline to deal with the changes that are occurring and use technical progress to produce more with less. "We must not revert to driving horse and buggy because we are worried by the ruts created by automobiles," she warns, "we must take advantage of advanced technology for our own good."

Japan

There is a growing uncomfortable feeling among Americans policy makers that Japan soon may become the United States most difficult problem to deal with. Up to now, and most likely for the long-term future, the most critical issues between the two countries, will be economic. Japan has become the central economic power in Asia. Most Asians today look Japan for investments and most Americans see Japan as a major economic threat to the United States. The strategic environment too is changing. There is a decline in regional tension. The hostile image of the Soviets despite the military bases close to Japan and at Kamranh Bay on Vietnamese soil has softened and there is now talk here about reducing the scale of the American military commitment in Asia in the early 1990s.

The possibility that Japan's Socialist Party could come to power has deeply shocked American policy makers. Although Tsuruo Yamaguchi, the Socialist secretary-general, has said that a Socialist government would preserve the US Japanese Security Treaty if they came to power in the next election in July 1990 and would not introduce drastic changes in the economic field. But everybody here is aware of the fact that a Socialist Japanese government would have far-reaching impacts on American-Japanese relations. Americans influence would decline and political and economic dealings would become more difficult. If the Socialists decided to strictly enforce their non-nuclear principles it would make difficult for US Navy ships, equipped with nuclear weapons,

to use Japanese ports and bases.

Henry Kissinger is one of those who predict that Japan will become the United States biggest problem. He is also one of the proponents of the idea that the United States should adopt a tough approach to economic policy by which Japan would be asked to accept certain firm economic commitments which would guarantee the United States a definite share in the Japanese market or impose limitations on Japanese exports in order to enable the United States to deal more effectively with its budget deficit.

I very much doubt whether President Bush would want to opt for such a plan though. He is committed to the idea of free trade in the world, as Hills has made clear, and would not want to give other countries the opportunity to justify trade restrictions the United States has been fighting against. The idea, though, is a reflection of the extent to which many influential Americans see Japan as an economic threat to their interests and as an excuse to be able to ignore the kind of discipline that would help to erase the huge budget deficit that is a far greater danger than Japan's economic power.

Having mentioned some of the major problems that could lead to Japan becoming the United States' biggest foreign policy problem, one leading official in charge of Asian affairs concluded by saying: "But it is now one of my most important problems to prevent this from happening."

Orders

Hidden among last month's economic statistics is a significant little item. Durable goods orders have dropped by 1.9 per cent. More than half of this drop was due to cuts in defence orders which fell by 14.7 per cent in July while non-defence orders rose by 5 per cent. It is of course too early to assume that the onset of a détente between the United States and the Soviet Union is already affecting arms manufacturers. But some of that biggest arms manufacturers are beginning to plan for the prospects of sharp cutbacks in government order.

There will still be a growing market for weapons with highly improved technological performance, the latest communication equipment, high-performance defensive weapons and automatic small arms. Interestingly enough some of the big American car manufacturers, such as General Motors and Ford, are already quite concerned about the likely cuts in tank orders. It is also indicative that Philips, the Dutch-based electrical and electronics group, has sold its manufacture of military products to Thomson CSF of France and that some of the American aircraft builders are now concentrating on accumulating as many orders for civilian aircraft as they can cope with for the next decade. The fact that the weapons producers are preparing for a slide in military orders may well be a good omen of things to come internationally.

Euro-US hitch

Sharp blow to arms deal

SERIOUS differences between the United States and its European allies have dealt a sharp blow to hopes of reaching a quick East-West deal to slash troops and heavy military hardware in Europe, Nato diplomats say.

The West Europeans have rebelled against US proposals for inspections by each side at the other's arms production factories to prevent cheating on the treaty.

They have also clashed with Washington by pressing for a pledge from Moscow that it will not undermine the spirit of any accord by dramatically reshaping forces east of the Rhine Mountains.

The differences, which emerged just before Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks resumed in Vienna on Thursday, seriously complicate the task of meeting a US deadline for a treaty to be wrapped up next year, diplomats say.

There was a general feeling that we had not sat down and looked at the implications of this whole treaty and that there was still a long way to go," one European military official said.

Arms experts will meet again at North Atlantic Treaty Organisation headquarters later this month to try to work out differences, officials said.

The raw figures on troop and hardware levels are no longer a source of dispute among the Western allies.

NATO is proposing a ceiling of 275,000 US and Soviet troops and parity in the number of tanks, armoured vehicles, big guns and combat aircraft held by itself and the Warsaw Pact in an area stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals.

While Nato and the Pact are far apart on proposed limits on aircraft, both sides are optimistic they can bridge differences.

The problem inside Nato is over proposed auxiliary measures aimed at ensuring that no one can circumvent or cheat on the treaty.

Greece has objected to one proposed measure that would limit military exercises to 40,000 troops and 800 tanks. It says this does not adequately curb the activities of neighbouring Turkey.

The traditional Greece-Turkey squabble apart, diplomats say a major battle lies ahead in the alliance over verification and non-convention measures.

The United States says the US Senate will ratify the treaty if it feels sure the pact can be properly verified that means intrusive inspections not only of storage sites but arms factories as well, it argues.

But France, Italy and Britain in particular object to making their civilian arms trade naked to examination by Soviet inspectors. That could kill competitiveness in a vital export sector, they say.

"If we agree to this, we would be talking about letting the Soviets look at our order books and see who is buying what from us. That is not something we can go along with," one European military official said.

The fact that US territory and arms factories are not under negotiation because they are outside the negotiating area had added a further edge to the alliance's diplomatic squabble.

The frequency of proposed inspections — running into hundreds a year — is also causing nightmares on security grounds for the Europeans.

One study by Nato has shown that West Germany, for example, would have Warsaw Pact inspectors arriving every three days if US proposals are accepted.

The Americans have also reacted coolly to the European position that the treaty should contain a pledge by Moscow that it will not circumvent the accord by reorganizing or building up its forces east of the Urals.

"This is clearly outside the (negotiating) zone but most of the Europeans feel we have to get some handle on what is happening on the other side of the Urals," a European diplomat said.

But the Americans fear Moscow might, in turn, seek a commitment that would curb US maritime movements in the Atlantic Ocean or even activity on the North American mainland. (Brussels — Reuters)

Quote me

"Organised human smuggling is being carried out under the pretence of humanitarian considerations." — East German newspaper ADN on the West German help to East Germans who want to emigrate to West Germany.

"People will all the time say something, even if you win four Grand Slams. Like losing too many seas in the tournament. It didn't really concern me too much. I have been good or bad I am." — US Open champion Boris Becker answering critics who said he could win a Grand Slam only on grass.

"The savage behaviour of the prison officials continued to the extent that other prisoners staged a hunger strike in support." — Freed Iranian prisoner on being tortured in British prison.

"I think the crowd felt I had wronged Pam somehow. I just got the feeling they felt it was my fault. We weren't playing. I feel bad about that because everything that I did with Pam was above board and straightforward. Sometimes things don't work out as well as you would like them to." — Martina Navratilova after she teamed with Hans Mandlikova to win the women's doubles from Pam Shriver, her former partner, and Mary Joe Fernandez.

"One sees with regret that representatives of the Hungarian People's Republic have let themselves be drawn against existing treaties and agreements into supporting this action prepared by West Germany." — East German government blaming Hungary for acting as conduit for prospective East German immigrants to West Germany.

"Out of two goals for the year I got one. I won Australia and got great encouragement for the other (Wimbledon) for next year. I have only one big ambition for myself, and that's coming in July." — Ivan Lendl summing up his year and expressing his desire to win Wimbledon.

"I ask with concern whether these people are taking the path that the Lord wants them to take, or they are taking the more comfortable way? The more comfortable way can also be the more dangerous." — Bishop Georg Sterzinsky, Catholic bishop of Berlin, expressing concern over the exodus of East Germans to the West.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Gulf oil states aim to capture market lead in '90s



Margaret Thatcher

High UK rates needed to cure inflation

LONDON, Sept 11, (Reuters) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said today British interest rates would stay high until the government had beaten the "cancer" of inflation.

Thatcher was speaking at a business awards ceremony in northwest England amid predictions that official figures released on Friday would show a fall in Britain's annual inflation rate from 8.2 to 7.4 per cent.

"Until we have got inflation down, interest rates will have to be high. We have to look at the lesser of two evils and inflation would be the worse of those two evils," Thatcher said.

"We have to tackle that problem and tackle it we will but until then interest rates will not come down."

She said inflation "will grow like a cancer and we will be in real difficulties" unless the government acted to reduce it.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson has almost doubled British interest rates to 14 per cent in the past 16 months in a bid to curb inflation.

The inflation rate has shot up from around three per cent early last year and is now one of the highest among industrialised countries.

The British government's new business ring system could cause the loss of 110,000 jobs, despite measures aimed at easing the transition, a lobby group for small businesses warned today.

STC to close 9 branches

NEW DELHI, Sept 11, (Kunz) — The government-owned State Trading Corporation (STC) will close its nine branches including those in Kuwait and Jeddah and open four new offices, one of them in Dubai.

The other offices to be closed are in Paris, Nairobi, Colombo, Dhaka, Sydney, Tokyo, Sydney and Harare.

New branches will also be opened in Algiers, Seoul and Melbourne.

STC sources said here today that the corporation will appoint business associates in the countries where it has no office. These associations will work on a commission basis.

They said the corporation will also revamp its overseas operations because of low business in some of its existing centres and scope for business where it has no office.

STC also plans to reduce its overseas offices to six by 1991. It will have branches only in New York, London, Singapore, Singapore, Moscow and one each in East and West Germany, the sources said.

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Drexel enters guilty plea

NEW YORK, Sept 11, (AP) — Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. formally pleaded guilty today to six felonies and agreed to pay more than \$650 million to settle criminal charges in the largest securities fraud case ever.

A lawyer for the New York investment firm entered the guilty plea in a hearing before US district judge Kimba M. Wood in Federal Court in Manhattan.

The plea, which had been expected since Drexel and the government reached an agreement on the charges in January, ends months of negotiations and legal challenges in the celebrated Wall Street corruption case.

It also formally clears the way for implementation of a separate settlement between Drexel and the US Securities and Exchange Commission reached in April that places Drexel under strict supervision for three years and revamps its management.

Drexel pleaded guilty to four counts of securities fraud and two counts of mail fraud and agreed to

within Opec," a senior oil executive in the Gulf said. "We are beginning to see a return to the old days."

The forecast contrasts sharply with the reality of 10 years ago when a surge in Opec prices began forcing a drop in world oil use and a rise in non-Opec competition.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) predicts the Middle East share in world oil production will rise to 34 per cent in 2005 from 24 per cent in the late

'80s, as non-Opec output gradually declines and oil demand rises by one-third.

The Gulf's big five, in a bid to increase their share of the Opec total, will try to reshape the Opec quota structure.

Iraq is expected to voice its higher quota demands at the group's November conference, the analysts said.

And Iran, which accepted quota parity with its Gulf war foe last Novem-

ber, would not accept a lower quota than Baghdad, analysts said.

"Gulf states within Opec want to capture a higher share of the growth in demand proportional to their reserves," a Gulf-based analyst explained.

Sitting atop 60 per cent of the world's proved crude reserves, the Gulf producers account for 64 per cent of Opec's 19.5 million barrels per day (BPD) ceiling.

Opec dictated prices in the 1970s as it commanded almost half the market and drove oil prices as high as \$40 a barrel in 1980.

As a result oil consumption fell, non-Opec countries stepped up output to benefit from high prices and the Gulf's big five saw their share of the world market shrink to 21.7 per cent at the end of 1988 from 31.7 per cent in 1979.

Prices plummeted to around \$8 in 1986 as Opec states kept output high to

maintain market shares.

World oil consumption has started to rise in the last two years stimulated by low crude prices, but it is still below the 1979 peak of 66 million barrels per day (BPD) at around 63.2 million BPD at the end of 1988.

The rise in demand led to requests by Gulf Opec members for a redistribution of individual production quotas within Opec to take into account reserves and export capacities.

Gulf oil producers try to corner slice of American market

Saudis lease crude storage for US sales

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sept 11, (AP) — The Saudi Arabians have signed a 5-year lease agreement with a US company for oil storage facilities in the Caribbean to expedite sales to United States, the Middle East Economic Survey reported today.

The weekly oil industry newsletter said the deal was with the California-based Wickland Oil Co. for storing 4.2 million barrels of crude.

The storage facility at a refinery formerly owned by the Exxon oil giant is located at Aruba in the Dutch Antilles, the survey reported.

The Saudis leased storage facilities for 7.7 million barrels earlier this year at Bonaire, also in the Dutch Antilles, MEES said.

But that deal fell through when the Bonaire facilities were acquired by Venezuela's state-owned oil company, PDVSA, the newsletter said.

The Aruba facility will allow the Saudis to build up stocks of crude for the US market in the hemisphere for short-haul voyages to US terminals rather

than shipping the deliveries from the Gulf.

The Saudi move comes amid growing competition between Gulf oil exporters for a share of the burgeoning US oil market as reserves deplete.

Saudi Arabia and Iraq are leading the move toward bolstering US sales and Iran, its long-term oil and gas strategy in a state flux of it recovers from the 8-year war with Iraq, is also expected to seek to move in that direction.

Analysts believe that if the Iranians move into the market in a serious way it could have a significant political impact on the prospect of Tehran and Washington opening a dialogue.

They severed relations in 1979.

Gulf producers seeking to corner a slice of the US oil market are understood to be offering attractive deals.

Industry sources said that some 5 million barrels a day from the Gulf are on offer to US companies, including an estimated 2.4 million barrels a day from Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Iran's oil production increased

to an estimated 3.2 million barrels a day in August, more than 400,000 barrels over its daily Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries quota, said MEES.

It said Iran's oil exports rose sharply to 2.45 million barrels a day last month from 1.77 million barrels in July.

The July total marked a dip in export levels, which had averaged around 2.1 million barrels a day in the first half of the year.

With increased domestic refining needs of around 750,000 barrels a day added to exports, the August production came out at 3.2 million barrels a day.

Iran's OPEC quota for the first half of the year was 2.64 million barrels a day, rising to 2.78 in the second half.

Oil exports accounts for 90 per cent of Iran's foreign revenue earnings.

The government has been driving to repair its oil installations, heavily damaged in the 8-year war Iraq, following a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire a

year ago and to expand the industry's petrochemical side.

The Iranians have also been using oil to pay for new arms purchases, particularly from the Soviet bloc, China and North Korea. But it is not known how much of the increased production was used for barter.

Industry analysts say that Iran's oil sector badly needs upgrading with new equipment that will allow Tehran to exploit its oil wealth to better advantage.

The country's nominal production capacity earlier this year was pegged at about 3.5 million barrels a day. But analysts said because of structural problems, output was more realistically around 3 million barrels daily.

The figures cited by MEES indicated that the Iranians may have been able to overcome some of those problems in recent months.

The weekly survey quoted official Iranian sources as saying that repairs have been completed on the oil refineries at Tabriz, in the northwest, and Bakhtaran in the west.

Dollar hits 2 marks

Currency eases later

LONDON, Sept 11, (Reuters) — The dollar today rose briefly above two West German marks in European trade for the first time in three months but eased back a shade in later business.

"I definitely think we will see another stab at two marks this week," one Frankfurt dealer said.

Dealers said the mood in the market was still positive although tinged with caution ahead of Friday's US merchandise trade figures for July.

Economists expect the US trade deficit to widen slightly to \$8.9 billion from a surprisingly

narrow \$8.2 billion in June.

"Anything that comes in around \$9 billion will give us the cue to take the dollar up firmly above two marks," one trader in Frankfurt said.

The dollar last closed in London above two marks — at 2.0235 marks — on June 15.

Fears that central banks would repeat their concerned dollar sales of last Tuesday and Thursday was also restraining dealers from bidding the US currency too high.

"It was typical London trading... it was not eventful," said one British bank dealer.

The dollar, which reached 2.0002 marks in early trade, closed in London at 1.9795 and 1.9650.

The London share market dropped after Wall Street opened lower and the Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares closed 23.3 points down at 2,400.6.

Dealers said the market was quiet and lacking direction.

By noon in New York the Dow Jones industrial average was 13.30 points off at 2,696.24.

Gold bullion ended at \$358.75 an ounce in London after \$360.25 on Friday.

Co-operation on dollar broke down: experts

WASHINGTON, Sept 11, (AP) — The effort by the United States and other top industrial countries to stabilize the value of the American dollar has broken down, running the risks of higher US trade deficits in future years, economists at a Washington research institute said today.

"The co-ordination process is in shambles," said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics.

He said the effort launched by the United States and the governments of Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy had failed to keep the dollar from rising this year above the upper targets set by the world's richest industrial countries.

That will spell trouble down the road as American exporters find that the higher value of the dollar makes it more difficult to

sell their goods abroad, Bergsten said at a news conference.

He forecast that the US trade deficit, which improved dramatically in 1988, will begin rising again by 1990, further worsening the country's position as the world's largest debtor nation.

The institute released a New Book today, "Dollar politics: Exchange rate policymaking in the United States," which called for increased emphasis by US policymakers both in the executive branch and in Congress on the dollar's proper level on foreign currency markets.

"In May and June (the dollar) shattered its upper limit against the yen — 140 (yen to one dollar) — and the mark — 1.90-1.92 (marks to one dollar), rising above 150 and 2.00, respectively, to a 2 1/2-year high," wrote I.M.

Destler and C. Randall Henning, the authors of the new study.

Destler is professor in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland and Henning is a research associate at the institute, a private study group financed by the United States and other countries.

The price of the dollar is important because of its effect on trade. A low dollar makes US goods cheap, encouraging exports and discouraging imports. A rise in the dollar has the opposite effect.

Governments, including President George Bush's administration, agree that the United States buys far too much in comparison with what it sells. The resulting trade deficit has made the United States the world's biggest debtor nation.

Non-stop buying boosts stocks

ISTANBUL, Sept 11, (Reuters) — Frenzied housewives pushed aside yuppies equipped with portable phones and dealers ran short of time to match non-stop buying orders at Istanbul's small stock exchange today. The index gained 6.7 per cent.

More than a million shares worth a record 7.20 billion lira (\$3.2 million) changed hands in the busiest three-hour trading day of the exchange so far.

The index, based on 100 in January 1986, hit 1,037.03. Its speculative high was 1,332 in August 1987.

"Everyone is on a buying craze," said an official at the exchange, located near a quayside overlooking the Bosphorus waterway. "We'll have a belly-dancer here to celebrate when the index hits 2,000."

A dealer added, however, that "profit-takers are likely to plunge in soon. We weren't expecting such a boom in a single day."

Deregulation by Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal on August 9 opened Turkish stocks and bonds to foreign buyers, helping local investors rediscover

faith in shares lost in late 1988.

Neither market officials nor brokers can say how much of the recent euphoria at the exchange has been helped by foreign buying, but banking sources said future prospects were bright.

They said Japan's Nomura Securities Co. Ltd., US Merrill Lynch and Co. Inc. and J.P. Morgan and Co. Inc. and French Societe Generale are among the major international players studying investments in Turkey.

Also reinforcing optimism at the exchange is a \$60-million Turkish investment fund, whose first tranche is likely to be floated on the New York Stock Exchange in October.

Deregulation also admits 11 mutual funds worth some \$300 million which had been waiting for treasury permission to invest in Turkish equities.

But the market is still small, with a capitalisation of 5.5 trillion lira (\$2.6 billion) at end-August, up from 2.1 trillion lira (\$986 million) at end-1988. The price-earnings ratio, around 4.8, shows that raising equity capital is expensive for private companies.

Plans to cut oil dependence

Opec trying to solve output conflict

SINGAPORE, Sept 11, (AP) — Indonesia is working to reduce its dependence on oil to keep a sharp future price rise for the fuel from harming its economy, Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita said today.

"Should there be a sharp increase in oil prices in the not too distant future, the countries in the region will suffer severely if they are too dependent on oil and do not have the ability to switch to other energy sources," he said.

"This may cause stagnation in the economic development of the region," he said in a keynote address to the three-day Asia Pacific petroleum conference, which opened today.

Industrialised nations with the ability to switch to other energy sources will not suffer the same consequences, he added.

Indonesia is reducing its dependence on oil by using such energy sources as gas, coal and geothermal power, he said.

Now, 62 per cent of Indonesia's energy comes from oil, compared with 78 per cent 10 years ago, and it hopes to reduce this to 58 per cent by 1994, Ginandjar said.

He said the country's oil reserves of about 11

billion barrels would allow it to produce 500 million barrels annually for the next 20 years.

"We may find another 50 billion barrels of oil through extensive exploration and development, thereby extending our ability to produce oil," he added.

"Being able to secure oil for future demand from our own domestic resources for as long as possible forms the basis of our long-term oil policy," he said.

Indonesia wants to avoid becoming a net importer of oil as long as possible because in 10 years, oil prices are expected to be much higher, Ginandjar said.

Meanwhile, Indonesia, with gas reserves of 91 trillion cubic feet, is continually finding more, he said.

"Gas utilization is one of the government's priorities, and will be further developed for electric power generation, industrial, household and transportation uses," he said.

He told the delegates that the Asia-Pacific region's high economic growth is closely tied to high consumption of oil, but the region's oil reserves are severely limited and the price of oil is likely to soar to new highs in the next decade.

Defence implications ruled out

Credit accords with BNL date back to '82

ROME, Sept 11, (Reuters) — A southern US branch of Italy's biggest commercial bank, focal point of a scandal over Iraq, began arranging export credits for Baghdad as long as 1982, the Iraqi embassy in Rome said today.

State-owned Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL) says most of the credits, concealed from its senior management, were arranged after the ceasefire last year in the Iran-Iraq war.

But the Iraqi embassy statement indicated the initial transactions dated back to the early part of the war, which began in 1980.

BNL president Nerio Nesi and director-general Giacomo Pedde resigned last week after the bank disclosed its Atlanta, Georgia, branch and extended \$1.72 billion of unauthorised export credits to Iraq, with a further \$920 million of uncomplicated financing in the pipeline.

The Iraqi embassy said today: "We have been surprised by some imprecise and incorrect reports published by the media, including statements by

some BNL officials, according to which the Atlanta branch was not authorised to sign such accords, and that infringements of banking law have been committed."

"Iraq signed accords with the BNL Atlanta branch in 1982, under which financial credits were approved for companies involved in contracts with Iraqi firms. These accords were executed in a correct manner... Amajaliyn, for its part, has respected all obligations, especially concerning the punctual payment of interest."

The statement said Iraq intended to uphold the accords, and hoped BNL would also respect its commitments.

It also disputed reports in the London Financial Times and the Italian press that part of the credits were to finance military equipment.

The company said today it had won an Iraqi contract involving BNL but said it had no defence implications.

Iraq boosts rates

BAGHDAD, Sept 11, (Reuters) — The Central Bank of Iraq raised interest rates on savings deposits and loans by 1.0 percentage point backdated to September 1, the official Iraqi news agency INA said.

The changes in the rates announced on Sunday were the first for more than eight years, INA said.

Economic analysts said rates had been raised to encourage public saving and to compete with rates on government bonds issued during the eight year Gulf war with Iran which ended with a UN-brokered ceasefire in August 1988.

The Central Bank ordered commercial banks to increase the interest rate on savings from 6.0 to 7.0 per cent, INA said.

The banks will raise interest on loans to the public and companies by one point to 11 per cent, the agency said.

Ifad loan

ROME, Sept 11, (Reuters) — Bangladesh, the largest beneficiary of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (Ifad), received an \$8.2 million loan today for the third phase of a project to help small farmers.

The money will go to the Grameen Bank which was set up in 1980 to help Bangladesh's rural landless people, particularly women, and has since provided credits of more than \$133 million to more than 570,000 people.

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Policies will hurt American trade

US voices concern over Fortress Europe

PARIS, Sept 11, (Reuters): US President George Bush's senior trade negotiator today said she was still concerned that the European Economic Community was building a "Fortress Europe" which would block American exports.

"We are worried about actions taken, threatened or merely implied that discriminate against American and other non-European firms, forcing them to locate in Europe or lose sales," US trade representative Carla Hills said.

She told a meeting of business leaders and diplomats she was "gravely concerned" about EEC policies against US exports of television programmes, airplanes, cars and semiconductors.

On her first stop on a six-city European tour, Hills said she hoped "EEC 1992 results in a freer, not a Fortress Europe."

Hills dwelt on actions taken or proposed by the EEC as it pursues plans to dismantle

almost all existing internal trade barriers by 1992.

She also expressed confidence that Washington would grant Moscow trade privileges if Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev restructured the economy and eased emigration controls.

Hills was asked if the United States was prepared to repeal the Jackson-Vanik amendment, which ties the granting of trade privileges to Soviet emigration policies.

"If Mr Gorbachev is correct that perestroika will continue, then I would have confidence that perhaps one day that would be possible," she said.

She said Bush had indicated he would ask Congress to lift the amendment and grant Moscow most-favoured-nation (MFN) trading status if it allowed Soviet citizens freedom to emigrate.

Hills spoke before meeting French

Prime Minister Michel Rocard and other top ministers. Later this week she will travel to Geneva, Bonn, London, Brussels and Rome.

Hills cited an "ambiguous" EEC rule of origin that she said was meant to counter unfair Japanese dumping of electronic goods but which hurt US sales of semiconductors.

She also hit out at a proposed EEC directive that would require at least 50 per cent of all television programming to be European. EEC officials support the plan as a means of protecting European cultural identity.

"The broadcast proposal would purely and simply discriminate against US products," Hills said.

Saying she doubted France had more cultural affinity with Greece, an EEC member, than with the United States, Hills said quotas were the worst way to help a

nascent industry develop.

But an aide to France's European Affairs Minister, Edith Cresson, said Cresson had assured Hills the EEC television rule was not binding and that growth in the number of European stations would dramatically raise imports of US programmes.

Hills also criticised French automobile quotas and a West German subsidy to protect local firms against currency fluctuations in manufacture of the Airbus airliner.

"We want to be sure that when trade barriers are lowered within Europe, new barriers are not raised between Europe and the rest of the world," Hills said.

She said European reaction to the US "Super 301" law, which allows Washington to retaliate against nations it names as trading unfairly, has been "overexaggerated."



Sheikh Salem

Sheikh Salem to take part in Gulf bank meeting

KUWAIT, Sept 11, (KUNA): Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem bin Hamad Al Sabah will lead Kuwait's delegation to the 12th annual meeting of governors of central banks and monetary institutions in the six-member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council, slated for September 14 in Tunis.

While there, Sheikh Salem is to head Kuwait's delegation to the 14th regular meeting of Arab central banks governors, scheduled for September 15-16.

From there he will proceed to Washington to take part in the meeting of the provisional committee of the council of governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), due to take place September 24 and will later join the country's delegation to the annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank during September 26-28.

Meanwhile, council of the Arab central banks governors and Arab monetary institutions will open their meetings in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday to discuss co-ordination and integration of the Arab monetary institutions to confront the European monetary unit scheduled to be established in 1992.

The five-day meeting will review major issues, which include the unified Arab economic report for the fiscal year 1989, which will be issued by the joint efforts of the Arab League secretariat, Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), and Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development, in addition to the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

The AMF sources told Kuna today that the purpose of issuance of such a well-assessed and reliable report of the Arab economy, is to describe the reality in a proper manner, reflecting the significant march of the Arab economy and to assist in setting up the Arab economic policies.

The sources indicated that the first edition of such report, issued in the year 1980, was the fruit of co-operation between Arab Monetary Fund and Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development. Later, the sources went on, the second edition was issued with the joint efforts by the two monetary institutions, and the Arab League, followed by joining of Opec in the issuance of the third edition.

Creditors agree to reschedule debts

Jordan to meet committee to finalise accord

AMMAN, Jordan, Sept 11, (AP): The Finance Ministry said today that the country's commercial lenders have agreed in principle to reschedule \$575 million in debts due over a 30-month period.

The agreement, announced by state-run Jordan Radio, is part of a series of steps taken by the government to overcome a balance of payments crisis largely triggered by mounting obligations on Jordan's \$3.3 billion debt.

The agreement followed two days of talks between six banks representing the London Club of commercial lenders and Jordanian officials led by Finance Minister Bassel Jaradneh and Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Nabulsi.

The commercial banks grouped under the club hold about \$1.1 billion of Jordan's debt.

The statement quoted an unidentified Finance Ministry

official as saying commercial bank representatives had agreed to reschedule the \$575 million in debts due from the start of this year through mid-1991.

After a five-year grace period, the money would be paid over 11 years.

It also said Jordan had pledged to pay interest due on the debt amounting to \$82 million this year.

Bankers earlier said Jordan had not made any payments this year on its commercial obligations.

"This agreement will uphold Jordan's standing in international financial circles which will have positive results in strengthening the balance of payments and encouraging investment in Jordan," the statement said.

Jordan earlier reached agreement for a similar rescheduling plan with the Paris Club of government lenders, although that plan did not

extend into 1991.

The Paris Club governments hold 43 per cent of Jordan's debt, but the percentage of payments was lower because of interest rate differences.

Jordan also reached agreements for relief from the Soviet Union, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, and won more than \$350 million worth of grant aid from Arab oil states in the Gulf.

The help sent Jordan's dinar shooting up to \$1.50 last month from a low of \$1. It was worth \$3 early last year before the Central Bank began running short of foreign reserves.

An official source said Jordan would meet the committee in London, probably next month, to finalise the accord.

Other members are Banque National De Paris, Commercial Bank of Kuwait, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co and Union Des Banques Arabes Et Francaises (U.B.A.F.)

Japan clouds outlook

Car sales set to boom

FRANKFURT, Sept 11, (Reuters): As car manufacturers prepare to unveil their latest models at the Frankfurt motor show this week, sales in Western Europe seem headed for another record.

But Japanese competition and environmental concerns cloud the outlook for the European car industry.

"I'm certain that this year will be a record — at least 13 million cars will be sold," said Stephen Reitmair, European motor analyst at London stockbrokers UBS Phillips and Drew.

Other forecasts, also predicting the fourth successive year of record sales of European cars, range up to 13.5 million. Last year 12.99 million were sold.

While some analysts expect another good year in 1990, Reitmair and others disagree. "There's a hardening feeling that next year will be tougher," he says, estimating sales next year at between 12.5 and 12.7 million.

Even if the most optimistic predictions come to pass, European car makers face problems from a number of quarters.

The Japanese are broadening their attack on Europe, offering new family cars, threatening competition with luxury and sports models, increasing

production at British-based plants and challenging all European manufacturers with their phenomenal productivity.

Environmentalists across Europe have focused attention on pollution and the congestion of city centres by cars and the European Economic Community has adopted strict pollution rules which could add about \$750 to the price of a car.

Some manufacturers, such as Audi and Volvo, have decided to bear the cost themselves of fitting three-way catalytic converters into their cars.

Fitted to the exhaust system of a car, a catalytic converter cleans up exhaust fumes by converting harmful gases — carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons — into less harmful carbon dioxide, water and nitrogen.

The Frankfurt show, which opens on Thursday, is Europe's biggest this year, attracting exhibits from all the world's major car makers.

Notable new models include the BMW 850i, a 155 mph (250 kph) two-door coupe powered by a five litre 12-cylinder engine. The West German car's sleek lines will undoubtedly attract the crowds but at \$95,000 each buyers are likely to be few.

Daimler clears last hurdle

MBB deal

STUTTGART, West Germany, Sept 11, (Reuters): Daimler-Benz today cleared the last obstacle to creating West Germany's largest defence group when it accepted government conditions on taking a majority interest in the MBB aerospace concern.

The planned acquisition of a 50.01 per cent stake in Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Blohm for 1.7 billion marks (\$858 million) had been fiercely opposed by some politicians and industrialists who said it would harm competition and could lead to Bonn being held to ransom over weapons contracts.

The deal marks a highpoint for Daimler, already West Germany's biggest defence company, in its transformation from the maker of Mercedes cars into a fully fledged technological concern.

"We have examined the conditions carefully... and accept them," Daimler management board chairman Edzard Reuter said. "We believe that the conditions are very serious but on the other hand they do not endanger our industrial concept as a whole."

MBB said it was also accepting the conditions which Economics Minister Helmut Haussmann announced last Friday in an attempt to appease critics of Daimler's plans.

Haussmann, in giving permission for the deal, overruled the federal cartel office which banned it in April on the grounds that Daimler would be able to dominate the domestic defence market.

Daimler, with annual sales of 73.5 billion marks (\$36.5 billion), will gain additional turn over of about seven billion marks (\$3.5 billion) through MBB.

Daimler announced today a barely changed group net profit for the first six months of this year of 830 million marks (\$415 million).

Under Haussmann's conditions, Daimler will assume full responsibility for West Germany's part of the four-nation Airbus airliner project in 1996 — three years earlier than planned — and sell MBB's marine technology and tank business.

Madani calls for Islamic system

ALGIERS, Sept 11, (Reuters): Muslim fundamentalist leader Abbasi Madani, getting unprecedented exposure in Algeria's official media, has urged adoption of a self-reliant Islamic system to liberate the country's economic potential.

He told Algeria radio in a one-hour interview last night he was opposed to bank interest joint ventures with foreign multinationals and the accumulation of a foreign debt.

"We are victims of usury. We should not solve the problem of usury with more usury," he said. "We must have the economy on our own potential."

Madani leads the Islamic salvation front, Algeria's largest fundamentalist party. Many political observers think it poses the biggest challenge to the ruling National Liberation Front as Algeria moves from one-party state to multi-party democracy.

Formed in March and known by its French initials FIS, the party has applied for legal status and is awaiting a response from the Interior Ministry.

Views

As part of the gradual opening of the official media to opposition views since youth riots last October, state radio has been broadcasting a series of one-hour interviews with leaders of new parties.

"We have before us now a crisis," Madani said. "The Algerian people... produces only a fraction of what it consumes, and of its great potential, Islam will set it in motion."

He called for the introduction in stages of a "complete system of Islam," lashed out at bank interest, which is forbidden by Islam, and said the country should rely on its own resources instead of borrowing abroad.

Asked to describe the economic platform of FIS, Madani said merely it was based on justice. "Our position is neither socialism nor capitalism but one of justice."

System

Madani called for justice in Algeria's system of currency exchange, now characterised by a huge gap between official and free market rates.

He avoided a direct answer on whether he favoured the segregation of men and women in school classrooms. But he said, "we must protect the woman... she is seen only as a source of pleasure, a commodity."

Madani said the FIS rejected violence as a means of social change, and he hailed Algeria's turn toward democracy.

"Change comes in two ways, revolution or dialogue... as long as the way of dialogue is not closed I do not see it in the interest of Algeria to enter into a massacre," he said.



Avid investors watch screens in a Taipei brokerage house. Social commentators have dubbed Taiwan the 'Republic of Casino,' a play on its official name Republic of China because of widespread obsessive gambling. (Reuters wirephoto)

Republic of Casino

Searching for quick profits

TAIPEI, Sept 11, (Reuters): Hundreds of grasping, shoving hands thrust buy and sell slips at frantic brokers from the opening second of the Taiwan Stock Exchange every morning.

Exquisitely dressed housewives risking the family savings jockey for position in front of electronic price boards in brokerages all over the city, doing battle with construction workers planning to triple a day's pay in a few hours.

In VIP rooms upstairs, \$2 million-a-month players stare at a wall full of colour television monitors and personal computer screens, connected with direct telephone hot lines to the frenzy below.

Welcome to Taiwan, a country many social commentators are now calling "the Republic of Casino" instead of its official name, "the Republic of China."

"On the surface, Taiwan has already reached the stage of having so much money it's sick," said Diane Ying, publisher and editor of Commonwealth Magazine. "Everyone is crazily playing the game of chasing after money."

Edmund Hsueh, chief economist at Super King's Investment and Development Com-

pany, said Taiwan's money fever was an indictment of social values.

"People don't want to work any more. They don't want hard money. They only want easy money. And the only way to get easy money is gambling."

The stakes in the game are high: market capitalisation, the value of all the stocks on the market, jumped to \$218 billion at the end of July from \$122 billion a year earlier. It was just 21 billion at the beginning of 1986.

On Aug 28 a record \$7.5 billion worth of stocks changed hands during the bourse's three-hour trading session.

In the search for quick profits the law is often ignored.

Much of the frenzied buying is done on illegal margin trading — investors put up 30 per cent of the stock's value and borrow the rest from shadowy operators at interest of around 20 per cent a month.

They can then use the new stock they buy as collateral for another black-market loan, increasing the power of the initial investment but also multiplying the risk.

"It can get pretty scary," said John Engle, president of Hoare Govett in Taiwan.

"I'm running a gambling den here. I don't like a lot of my clients or what they are doing, but that is the fact," said the head of a stock brokerage operation who asked not to be named.

Many of the new millionaires have added to their fresh fortunes with property speculation, using stock market money as the seed and sending prices soaring.

Despite the threat of a government crackdown, hundreds of thousands of dollars are staked daily in illegal futures trading houses, where investors take positions on world-wide commodity prices.

Nightly, crowds gather at a jewellery store on one of Taipei's most fashionable shopping streets to bet on gold's future value.

They stare at up-to-the-minute information on computer screens connected to London and New York — all very open and very illegal.

"Everyone is doing it, everyone has his game," said Taiwan university sociology professor Michael Hsiao. "The upper class has stocks and property, the middle class has stocks and the lower class bets on Hong Kong's mark six (lottery)," he said.

Nic to build steel plants

RIYADH, Sept 11, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia's National Industrialisation Company (Nic) is planning to build a foundry project for steel and iron products and another one for manufacturing steel wire at Dammam and Jubail respectively.

The company, which has been preparing studies for the plants since 1986, has received offers from a number of international companies, including KGT, a West German subsidiary of Austria's Voest-Alpine, and Tractebel-Electro Engineering of Belgium.

Bombay share

BOMBAY Stock Exchange — Closing prices (Rs) as on: Sept 11, 1989.

ACC	262
Asia Paint	195
Brooks Bond	85.50
Bajaj Auto	315
Baroda Rayon	705
Bombay Dyeing	122.50
Century Spinning	2160
Colgate	175
BSE Index	721.56
Deepak Fert.	30.50
E.I. Hotel	56
Esakay	115
Esar	24
GNFC	36
Grasim	165
G.E. Ship	39.75
Garware Polyester	69
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Hindco	125
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Larsen and Toubro	98
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Mahindra	90.50
MICO	630
Nocil	1070
Orkay	15
Premier Auto	60
Petro	24
Pilani	68
Reliance	101
Spic	48.50
Siemens	70
Std Mills	405
Tata Power	337.50
Tata Chemicals	124
Tisco	1173
Telco	1003
Volta	860
Nat index	381.27

(Compiled by Kuwait India International Exchange Co.)

Tokyo share prices

Nikkei stock average	34113.56
(2.15)	
Volume: 400 mil shs	
Yes exchange rate: 147.77	
Name of stock	Chg
Advantest Corporation	4710
Ainomoto	2870
Alps Electric	1660
Amada	1890
Asahi Chemical Indus	1200
Asahi Glass	2280
C. Itoh Co.	962
Canon Inc.	1690
Casio Computer	1370
Dai Nippon Printing	2380
Dainichi Seiyaku	3110
Dainippon Pharmaceut	2780
Dainippon Corp	1800
Eisai	2440
Fanuc Ltd.	6610
Fuji Photo Film Co.	4300
Fujitsu Ltd.	1510
Hinachi Credit	1870
Hinachi Koki	1840
Hinachi Ltd.	1750
Hinachi Metal	1520
Honda Motor	1980
Ito-Yokado Co. Ltd.	4450
Kajima Corporation	2060
Kawasaki Heavy Ind.	1030
Kobe Cast Iron Works	885
Kokusai Elec.	2910
Komatsu Ltd.	1210
Kyocera Corporation	5390
Maru	3240
Matsushita Com. Ind.	2950
Matsushita Electric	2310
Mazda Motor Corp	1000
Mitsubishi Corporation	1530
Mitsubishi Estate	2340
Mitsubishi Heavy Ind.	1130
Mitsubishi Real Estate	2570
Mitsui Corporation	1790
Mochida Pharmaceutical	3800
Mori Seiki Co. Ltd.	4140
NEC Corporation	1790
Nikon Corporation	1430
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Fuji Elec.	1040 dn 10
JAL	17000 dn 100
Kirin	1940 dn 30
Kubota	1150 dn 40
Mitsui Bank	2440 dn 20
Nissan	1470 dn 20
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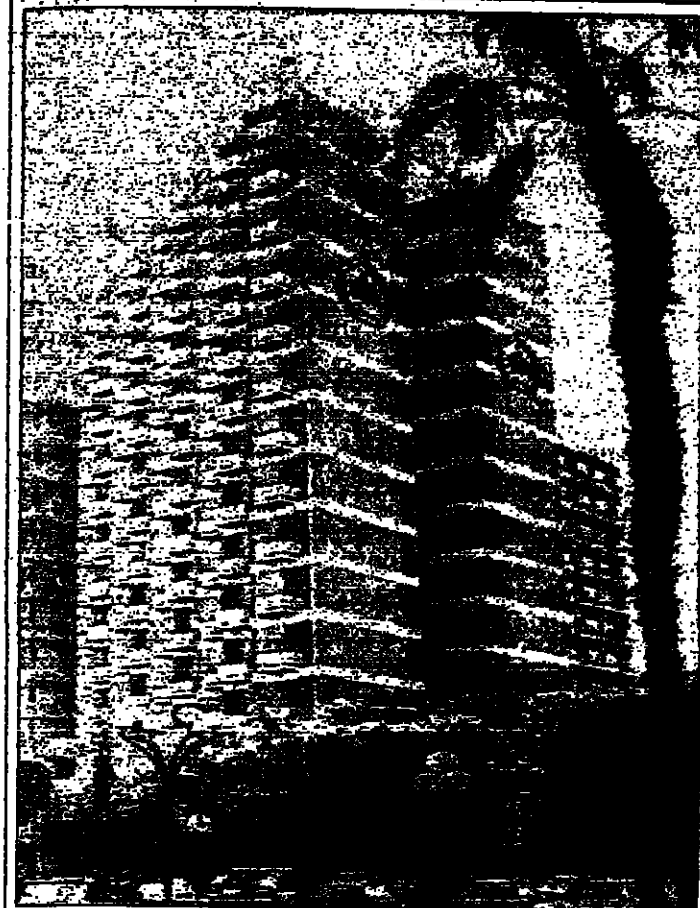
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Latin American income down in '88, further drop seen

WASHINGTON, Sept 11, (AP): Individual incomes in Latin America dropped overall last year and will drop further, the Inter-American Development Bank said today in a report that shows regional growth at less than one per cent in 1988.

According to the bank, 1988 per capita income was lower in 12 of 25 Latin American countries, including three of the most populous and heavily indebted: Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

EVENTS



The 5-star Safir Cairo located in the heart of Cairo is now under the management of Kuwait Hotels Company (KHC).

KHC moves into Egypt

KUWAIT Hotels Company (KHC) acquired the Cairo based SAFIR INTERNATIONAL, a hotel management company with considerable interest in Egypt.

The acquisition was signed by the chairman of Kuwait Real Estate Investment Consortium, Rashid Abdullah Al Mojren Al Roumi and the chairman of Kuwait Hotels Company, Ali Ahmed Al Ghanim Al Jabr.

Under the management of Safir International are two major hotel projects in Cairo namely the 280-bedroom — 5 star deluxe Safir Cairo and the impressive 30 storey Safir Zamalek suites hotel, which consists of 104 magnificently furnished suites, duplexes and penthouse suites.

Furthermore, Safir International has large interests in the Abou Nawas Hotels group in Tunisia. The Abou Nawas group operates 10 properties in different locations in Tunisia.

At present Kuwait Hotels Company is the management company for the Kuwait International Hotel, Khiran Resort, Dubayya Resort, Airport Hotel, Messilah Beach Hotel and Bayan Palace (catering and housekeeping services). Additionally the KHC catering division is operating several large projects in Kuwait. All together the company is managing a total of nearly 2,000 rooms and moving aggressively to secure further hotel management contracts in various parts of the world.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Sharqia Pharmacy
Al Hillal Street, Opp. Communications Building
Al Baqami Pharmacy
Ahmed Al Jaber Street, Al Sharq Square, Al Raed Building
Nagra & Hawally
Al Hana Pharmacy
Nagra, Beirut Street, Main Nagra Complex
Salwa & Hasmithiya
Al Shifa Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak Street, Hamaud Al Enzi Complex
Fahad & Almasri
Al Sheba Pharmacy
Fahad, Late Sheikh Ahmed Al Jaber Inheritors Building
Jaleel Al Shiyookh
Wahran Pharmacy
Jaleel Al Shiyookh, Souq Street, Block 14
Rasee
Al Rasee Pharmacy
Rasee, property of Badar Al Salem Al Ali
Jabra
Al Abraj Pharmacy
Jabra, Daabul Al Khozai Street.

Al Andalus
One Man Force
Al Salwa
Hill Booked
Al Hana
Wild Force
Drive-In
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Ganga Tere Desh Mein
Fahad Open
Ek Guna Aur Sahi
Fahad Open
Al Jabra
Dhani Garib
Grama
Pommuta Yedunna Tharav
Sabalikhat
Operation Warzone
Jaleel
Banjaran
Almasri Drive-In
Arabic film

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.11 am
Zuhr	11.44
Asr	3.15 pm
Maghreb	5.57
Isha	7.15

KTV 1

9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Waqt Al Dhayee: Daily Arabic serial (part 4)
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
11.15 Al Dana: local serial (part 8)
12.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
12.15 Hikayat Ma Al Nojoom: variety programme, with Layla Morad.

1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite
1.30 Hesham Fi Mamlakat Al Nahal: cartoon serial
2.00 Variety
2.15 Awdat Owaisid: Arabic Serial (Part 3)
3.15 Innabo Al Haq: religious programme (final part)
3.35 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: Cartoon serial
4.00 Cartoons
4.30 Al Zenzana: Arabic feature, starring Tahya Hafiz, Sharif Muneer and Sabri Abdul Mimm
6.00 Summer 89: Variety programme, presented by Wafa Taha
6.30 Night Chemists, airlines and official advertisements
7.00 Hikayat Al Asmai: Historical Serial, starring Rashid Alama, Nida Al Saheb and Mohammed Ibrahim
8.00 Nadwat Al Osboon: local programme
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Wajeda Wa Sameh: Arabic serial (part 6)
10.30 Al Hob Al Khaled: Arabic feature film, starring Hind Rustom, Imad Hamdi, Hassan Younis and Mohammed Al Defawi
12.15 News summary and closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
6.10 Amigo and The Friends: A cartoon series for children.
6.30 The Cuckoo Sister: "Rosie" stays at home pretending that she is the lost "Emma" ... But "Kite" and the housekeeper remain doubtful...
7.00 Gone Fishing: "Torpon" A look at the world's most popular recreational sport. Types of fish, where to find it, how to go there...
7.30 The New Adventures Of Beans Baxter: "Bean's Home Life Gets V.G.U." "Ben-jamine" remains under arrest by the gang... where he is kept under impression that his wife is unfaithful to him...
8.00 News in English
9.00 Horizon: "The Transplanted Brain." An attempt made by a team of scientists to fight Parkinson's disease and find a cure therefore.
10.00 Hooperman: "Good Night Sweet Hooperman." Hooperman passes a stupidity test held by the police department, in the same time he is threatened to be kidnapped...
10.30 L.A. Law: "Iszy Ackerman or is He Not?" "Roxana" becomes a nervous woman and behaves rudely with one of her mates... But Arnold tells her about the secret of her unusual behaviour!!
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite
12.05 Holy Quran and Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

Meridien festivity

VERSAILLES Restaurant celebrates the new season from September the 9th with exciting new a la carte menu featuring delicious new seafood dishes; enjoy a truly elegant and dining experience with the finest cuisine and atmosphere.

International music is provided by Jo Lee; a veritable one woman band who is guaranteed to help to make the dining at the Versailles truly a night to remember.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



The one woman band Jo Lee.



A warm welcome

Dinner party at the Pullman Hotel tendered by the Al Kazemi Travel Agencies in honour of the outgoing regional manager Erden Canagat and incoming manager Ibrahim Tabbouz, attended by the chairman of Alkazemi Group, Abdulali Al Kazemi.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.
Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.
Tareeq Rejab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.
Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.
Photography & oil painting classes
Photography to be taught by Ann C. Eid, a professional photographer with a degree in fine arts, who has taught at the University of Maryland.
Oil painting to be taught by Yasmine Bhamia, a professional artist with a degree in fine arts, who has exhibited her paintings in many countries.
Classes are to be held in Dajla. Limited to only 10 students per class. Register early.
Dates: Photography — Sundays, Oct 7-Nov 25, 10 am to 1 pm; Oct 12, 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Painting: Mondays, Oct 2 - Nov 20, 10 am to 1 pm.
For further details and reservations, please call Yasmine. 2540587.

SOCIAL

Pakistan Arts Circle
A SERIES of programmes is being organised by the Pakistan Arts Circle, which includes music, literary discussions, etc.
Families are most welcome. Please register your names on Tel. Nos. 5323693, 5717585 or 4716258.
Kalpak Exhibition:
KALPAK (Kerala Arts & Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait) will hold an exhibition of Arts & Handicrafts at the Indian Embassy Hall on 15th September 1989 between 3 pm and 8 pm. For details contact 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Ona Sadya
OVERSEAS Indian Cultural Congress (OICC) has decided to celebrate the Onam — the national festival of Kerala — with its traditional feast "Ona Sadya" which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes at New Regal Restaurant on Sept 14, at 7 pm. For more details please contact tel: 4314183, 5629747 and 3988569.
Badesik
The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait (Badesik) will hold the installation ceremony of its newly elected office bearers on Sept 15 at 6.30 pm at the Bangladesh Embassy premises. A cultural function will also be held on the occasion. Badesik members are requested to contact their local representative or phone 4330025 for further information.
Ahmad Musical Society
REHEARSALS for the 1989/90 season will start on Saturday 16th September, at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmad. New singers welcome. For further details ring 3912384.
The Kuwait Players
AUDITIONS will be held at 8 pm on 16th September, 1989 in Al Fawz Room of the Messilah Beach Hotel for Barefoot in the Park, a comedy by Neil Simon, to be directed by Ken Winslow. Anyone interested in participating in any way in this production is invited to attend. For further information ring 5740256/7 or 5625316.
Barbecue at MBH
WELCOME back to old and new. Over 15 clubs represented. So come along if you want to find out which organisation is for you. Tickets only. No children. September 20, 1989 — 7.30 pm onwards. For more details contact Messilah Beach Hotel on 5624111 Ext 711 or 739.

Kuwait Singers
KUWAIT Singers commence rehearsals for their seasonal concert on Monday, September 18, at the Gulf English School, Salwa.
New members particularly welcome. For further information contact Tel. 5384873 or 4884134.
Konkani drama
NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintam Zallim Sopnam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

East Meets West
AUDITIONING of talented singers and dancers for the forthcoming East Meets West II Musical Extravaganza — those interested contact 2406878, 8.30-1.00; 4.30-7.00, (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) 12th, 13th and 14-09-89.
Syndicate Live
IN RARE spirit leading organisations 'Weekend Club' and Kuwait Goans joining hands — caption read so well in the newspaper. The reason? their mutual economic benefit. Why do these leading organisations of Goa hide their faces when another Goan is looked down by the society? Where did these people disappear when some real unfortunate Goan sisters (domestics) who are overworked and harassed by our own Goans (recent letter to the editor) where were these organisations when one of our fellow Goan was hanged recently? What over the case maybe oh my Goans, see if you can do something worth while to help our fellow Goans, instead of your bragging.
Syndicate Live
SEPT. 15 Two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, The Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will join hands to host "Syndicate Live", a musical extravaganza at the Indian Arts Auditorium featuring Goa's music, kings, The Syndicate, Stepping Stones, Top Ranks and a selection of talented local singers. Gate passes available at Raja Stores and the Organisers. Call: Joe 2413348, Julio 5734513 for more information.

Breeze '89
OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information please contact the organisers, Casmiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

British Council
THE British Council presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

Filcheck chess
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filcheck) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament."

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chico (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

Colva Nite
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

British Council
Defence of the Realm
Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September at 6.30 pm. 92 min.

What are they prepared to cover up in "Defence of the Realm"? When a respected journalist dies in mysterious circumstances after meeting a government "mole," his fellow reporter is determined to find out why. But each lead only raises more questions! A superb British thriller.

Onam Celebration
The special meeting of OIC Executive Committee was held at Indian Embassy Hall on 31 Aug 1989 and decided to celebrate "The Onam" — The National Festival of Kerala — at the new Regal Restaurant on 14 Sept 1989 at 7 pm, with "Ona Sadya" — which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes on planton leaves.

A seven member committee was formed under OICC President Sashidharan as General Convener and Nalina Kumar, Rajan Daniel, Ali Alavi, Anil Kumar, Gangadharan, Vijaya Kumar as members to organise this function. For further information, please contact Tel. 4314183 and 5629747 and 3988569.

Free Tailoring Class
Kapitanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their free tailoring class to all bonafide Kapilku members beginning Friday, September 22 at Far East Restaurant from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapilku. The class will run every Friday and end on October 3. All materials needed for the class are given free to all participants. Master cutting, Barong Tagalog and executive suits will be covered in the course. For particulars, please

contact Sarah Macarimbang Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447. Deadline for registration will be on September 15.

Spoken Arabic
The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is starting to offer spoken Arabic classes for non-native speakers. The programme, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone Nos. 2413050 Ext. 243, 269; 2455860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2411383.

Palarong Pilipino Annual
All the winners in the just concluded Palarong Pilipino organised by the Kapitanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) should submit their pictures on or before September 22 to Homer L. Mesina, Vice-President of Media and External Affairs and the Chairman of the 9th Palarong Pilipino Souvenir Programme.

For group, the picture must be coloured and the size is 5"x7" with their officials and players and for the individual, it must be coloured and the size is also 5"x7".

Sponsors and donors who may wish to place ads must contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447. Kapilku Night.

The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their Kapilku Night on Friday, September 29 in Holiday Inn Hotel at 5.00 pm. This singing contest is open to all Filipinos and the competition is divided into two categories, namely, Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and Sing-Alike. The first three winners in each division will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors. Interested participants are requested to contact VP Sarah Macarimbang the chairperson at 4843447 and Rod Cerezo at 2433595, the co-ordinator.

All previous winners are requested to contact the chairperson for the rehearsal on the forthcoming Grand Final on October 20.

Rehearsals and auditions for all Kapilku Night contestants will be on Friday, September 15 at Far East Restaurant at 10.00 am.

automatically qualify for the grand final on October 20.

The following contestants should submit their minus one (not multiples) to Sara Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs and the Chairperson of this project and Rod Cerezo, co-ordinator at 4843447 and 2434630 respectively. Rodney Villarama, Victoria Luna, Enrique Kalambakal, Jenetha Sulaiman, Dolly Reynoso, Cesar Dimalanta, Robert Gelua, George Albayda, Greg Ramos, Lito Randerup, Brado Layug, Ramon Monteverde, Rufely Gaudia, Dolores Gador, Jun Drapeza, Cynthia Aborafe, Emil Combate, Jr., Dante Bangilan and Bobby Bautista. Deadline for submission of entries is on September 15.

D'Assisi Association
OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

Star Nite
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children's programme at 5 pm from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Other programmes start with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

HOTELS

At the Meridien
OUR new Versailles menu is as fishy as ever: The Versailles Restaurant celebrates the new season with an exciting new a la carte menu featuring delicious new seafood dishes and always the great value business.

Enjoy a truly elegant and dining experience with the finest cuisine and atmosphere. International music is provided by Jo Lee, a veritable one woman band, is guaranteed to help to make the dinner at the Versailles truly a night to remember.

ACHIEVING new heights in good taste: Introducing a new menu at Al Fintas club as from the 9th of Sept. Super choice of low calories snacks, sandwiches and salads with tasty, good health appeal, especially when preceded by a few laps in the adjacent rooftop swimming pool.

our milkshakes promotion: As from the 17th to the 28th Sept there will be lots of variety of delicious milk shake flavours, mango, chocolate, banana, strawberry... a little more refreshing on a scorching summer day than a month... watering milkshake whipped up Meridien style why not make it a daily treat.

EVERY SUNDAY COWBOY NIGHT: Taste the Texas fair at the La Brasserie. No compromise with this salute to the US includes live foot tappin country and Western music plus decor costumes and ambiance with more than a touch of the real wild west.

EVERY WEDNESDAY THE INDONESIAN CORNER: Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La Brasserie in addition to the regular Brasserie buffet.

EVERY THURSDAY: Tuck in the tempo... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jam sessions at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch out the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

Friday equals family fun only at La Brasserie... lavish buffet... live entertainment toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

KIWI LOVERS: A down under delicacy the Kiwi will be featured at Al Fintas from Oct 8 to the 19th in tempting variety of ways from juices to delicious tarts and desserts.

At the Holiday Inn
AT THE COFFEE SHOP: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.00 per pax and half price for children.

AL ANDALUS: Thursday — Arabian Night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

FAMILY BRUNCH: Calling all kids... we have a great party every Friday. It's our Friday Brunch Party and everyone is invited. Come and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters plus magic... magic... by the Great Magician. Prizes and surprises await each kid. Price — KD5.00 for adults, and half price per kid.

KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 for kids, you will have a great summer time.

At the Kuwait Plaza
DINE the way you fancy at Al Dallah Coffee Shop which offers the most enjoyable dinners or luncheons at a nominal price. More than thirty different delicious dishes of all kind of food starting with Lebanese mezzeh ending up with Eastern and Continental food not to mention delectable sweets and fruit of the season for KD2.995 only.

Also Al Dallah Coffee Shop features the breakfast in town. More than 26 dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can with coffee and tea. It is the breakfast with a difference for 995 fills only try it you will love it.

Roman Nights: Marco Polo, the Italian restaurant offers to take you to the heart of Rome where you can enjoy your dinner on candle lights with existing music played by our resident Duo Stan and Alice. Live the authentic Italian atmosphere while having the real Italian food cooked before you.

SPORTS
Kuwait International
Fit for Life: September brings a variety of sport classes and activities at the Kuwait International Hotel. Tennis coaching from October. Classes for ladies, juniors and seniors by Frank Novak — an experienced Canadian coach and tennis player. Enrollment on-going. Also fun tennis sessions for the family. Swimming classes from 17th September. Limited space available. Ballet classes will begin from 18th September. Coaching by Russian trained teacher. Enrollment on-going. Other classes are: Ladies' Keep Fit Classes, Men's Keep Fit Classes, Yoga, Judo, Karate and Taekwondo. For details contact: Paul or Vivienne at 2530000 or 2533000.

Kuwait Nomads R.F.C.
(Rugby Football Club). We are looking for wings... props, centres or any other positions, to join the Gulf's most successful team. Training is on Sunday and Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm. For details/directions phone Graham Adams at 5644533 or Steve Hutchinson at 3721540.

Football League:
Anybody interested in joining a soccer league, preferably already belonging to a team, please call Bob or Alan on 5386444.

Happy birthday



Robin D'Souza celebrates his 7th birthday on September 13. Happy birthday from parents, relatives and friends.

Robin goes to the Abbasiya Indian School and likes to read Junior Times.



Aastha Bansal celebrated her 7th birthday on September 6. Belated greetings from parents, relatives and friends.

Aastha goes to the Indian School Mangal and likes painting.



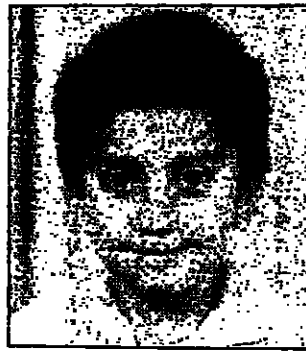
Akshat Mannan celebrated his 7th birthday on September 7. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Akshat goes to Carmel school and likes painting, swimming and dancing.



Samruti Kohli celebrated her 10th birthday on September 10. Belated greetings from parents, relatives and friends.

Samruti goes to Carmel School and likes to play with dolls.



Yaminur Siam celebrated his 4th birthday on August 29. Belated greetings from parents, relatives and friends.

Yaminur likes playing.



Kavitha Gnanasekhar celebrates her 10th birthday on September 11. Belated greetings from parents, relatives and friends.

Kavitha goes to Carmel School.



Sukhjinder Singh celebrated his 11th birthday on September 7. Belated greetings from parents, sister, Harprit, relatives and friends.

Sukhjinder goes to the Indian School, Mangal.

School starters



Farzeen Patel is starting her education at Carmel School this year.

Farzeen is a 4 1/2 year old Indian and wants to become a textile designer.



Rumi Ipe Kovoor starts at the Indian School this year.

Rumi is a four-year-old Indian and wants to be Superman when he grows up.



Shalima Rawf is a 4 1/2 year old Indian.

She starts at the Indian School this year and wants to be an air hostess when she grows up.



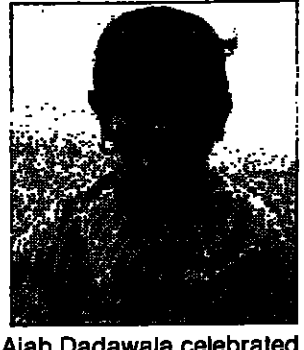
Rowena D'Souza celebrates her 7th birthday on Sept 19. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Rowena goes to Carmel School, likes watching cartoons, reading, playing.



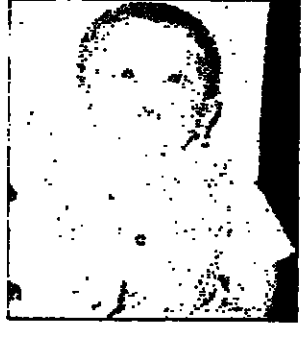
Fizzah Mir celebrated her 5th birthday on September 7. Belated greetings from parents, relatives and friends.

Fizzah goes to the Pakistani School and likes to read and paint.

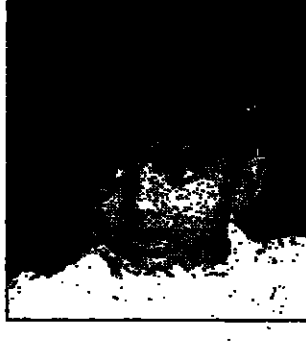


Ajab Dadawala celebrated her birthday on September 9. Belated greetings from parents, relatives and friends.

Ajab goes to the Indian School and likes to watch TV.

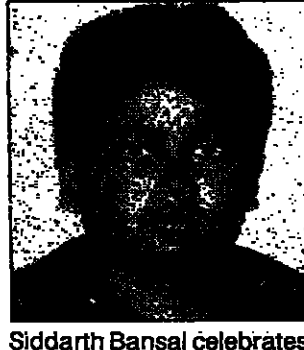


Mohammed Shaukat celebrated his 1st birthday on Sept 9. Belated greetings from parent, relatives and friends.



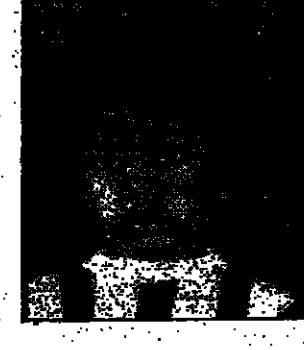
Rebi Kovoor celebrates her birthday today, September 12. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Rebi likes singing.



Siddarth Bansal celebrates his birthday on September 10. Happy birthday from parents, relatives and friends.

Siddarth goes to the Indian School and likes to draw and cycle.



Aumbar celebrated her birthday recently. Greetings from parents, relatives and friends.



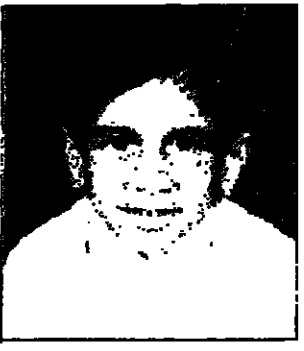
Ahmed celebrated his 6th birthday on September 9. Belated greetings from parents, relatives and friends.

Ahmed is going to Junior 1 of Hamed Al Shaiy School.



Shah J. Saleem celebrated his birthday on September 10. Belated greetings from parents, relatives and friends.

Shah goes to the Pakistani School and likes to collect pictures.



Husain Ali Ragib celebrates his 7th birthday today, Sept. 12. Happy birthday from parents, relatives, friends.

Husain goes to the Indian School and wants to become a pilot.

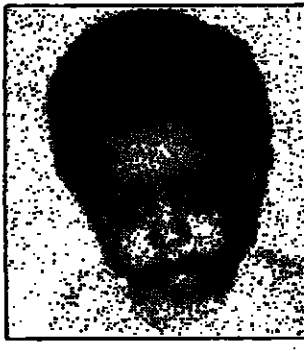


Mustafa A. Texiwala celebrated his first birthday on September 9. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family.



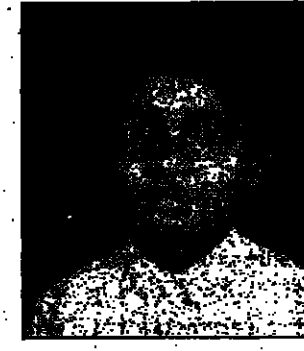
Jawad celebrates his birthday on September 13. Happy birthday from parents, relatives and friends.

Jawad goes to the Gulf English school and likes to play basketball.



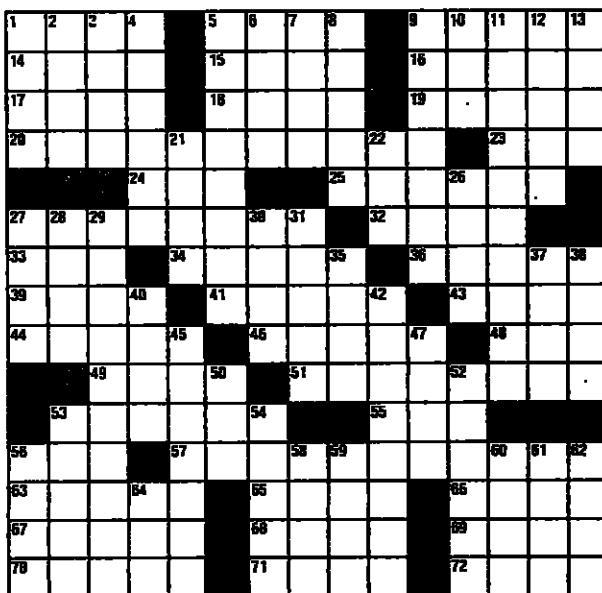
M. Noman celebrates his 3rd birthday today, September 12. Happy birthday from parents, relatives and friends.

M. will be starting school next year and likes to play with toys.



Asad Zaidi celebrates his 7th birthday today, September 12. Happy birthday from parents, Zainab, family and friends.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Glop's cousin
5 Speeds up a motor
9 Wild hogs
14 Give one's opinion
15 TV's Gray
16 Travel in circles
17 "Believe — Not"
18 Conn of "Benson"
19 Range
20 Brian Boitano should avoid these?
23 Ex-GI or DVM
24 Little one
25 Carping one
27 Cut
32 Haughty person
33 The GIs' friend
34 Tendency
36 Surface luster
39 Tie tack
41 Turkic language
43 Leafy green
44 Pick-me-up
46 Summary
48 Caviar source
49 Hammer, for one
51 Held in high esteem
53 Wrote
55 Doris or Dennis
56 Airport info.
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63 "Beau —"
65 Spring
66 Add and delete
67 Overly active
68 Explorer
69 "New York New York" girl
70 Up to now
71 Hardy heroine

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3 Siouan-speaker
4 Scold
5 North American
6 TV's Estrada
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
TOO EASY TO MAKE

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

♠ 9 7 5 4 2

♥ A K 3

♦ J 2

♣ Q 10 5

WEST

♠ A K J

♥ Q J 10 9

♦ 6

♣ 9 7 4 3 2

EAST

♠ Void

♥ 7 6 4 2

♦ Q 10 9 8 4

♣ K J 8 6

SOUTH

♠ Q 10 8 6 3

♥ 8 5

♦ A K 7 5 3

♣ A

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

All too often we have seen a declarer exhibit exemplary technique on a tough hand, then go down on one which should have presented no problem. This example is from a rubber bridge game.

North had to decide whether, as a passed hand, he should jump to game or simply bid three spades in response to partner's third-seat, one-spade opening, which might be shaded. We are by nature conservative, so we lean to three spades; but

we have no quarrel with North's choice.

West attacked with a heart honor, taken in dummy. Declarer led a spade, and was not particularly bothered when East showed out. West took his three trump tricks and continued with another heart to the remaining honor in dummy.

When West showed out on the second diamond, declarer suddenly realized he was between a rock and a hard place. He had three losing diamonds in hand, and only two trumps remaining in dummy. The defenders made no error in discarding, so the result was down one.

Since declarer had no losers in the plain suits, he should have been willing to concede three trump tricks. That's easy enough to accomplish as long as trumps are not touched.

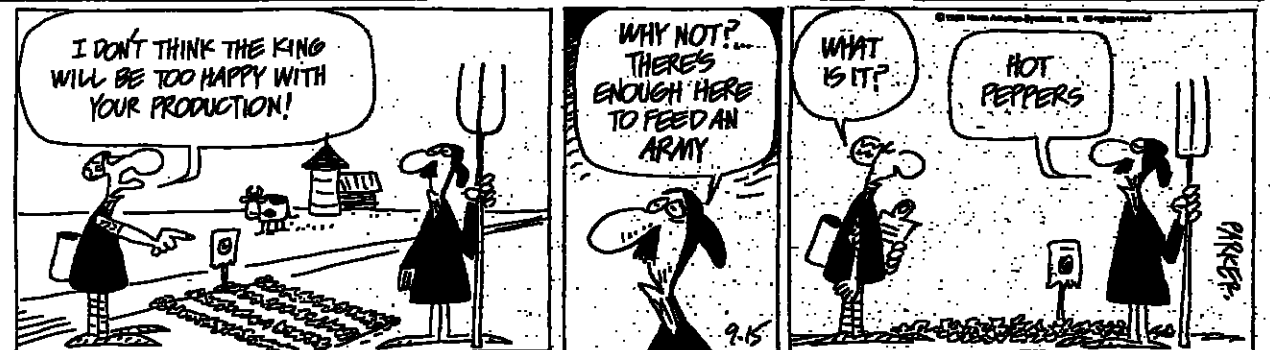
After winning the first trick, declarer should cash the ace-king of diamonds. Suppose West ruffs with the jack and cashes his high trumps. There would still be three trumps on the table to take care of the diamond losers. And if West does not ruff, declarer simply continues cashing winners and ruffing. No matter what West does, he cannot get more than his three trump tricks, and the contract is safe.



"When he was 6 years old, my father was kidnapped by headhunters and never seen again."

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will have the wind in your sails and you will also be sailing in the right direction. Do not expect others to take the blame for what you have done. Take things more as they come but not lying down. Be hopeful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Make sure you do not spend over your bank balance without being aware of what is happening. If you concentrate you will be able to get things done in good time. Take a bit more gentle exercise. Be patient.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should not keep wondering whether you said the right thing, you will soon know if you have not. And there will still be an opportunity to make amends if that is the case. Do not waste time. Be meticulous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have to be a little more patient but your patience will be rewarded. Make sure you do not spend as though you had all the money in the world. Try to please your partner. Be provident.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be a little disappointed but must not give in to your emotions. Do not try to evade the consequences of your actions. You will have to use your commonsense to avoid being misled. Be fair.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

It would be wrong of you to think that what you would like to be actually is. You should do all you can to avoid getting into an argument about a controversial subject. Do all you can to relieve tension. Be cautious.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You may have been lucky in a draw but wait until it is confirmed that you are. A good opportunity may well pass you by, but there will be another one. Make sure you do not do anything that might give offence. Be tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Live and let live, and do not expect what you would not give in return. You should stick to your principles and you should respect other people's opinions too. If you ask for more than you are entitled to, you will be rebuffed.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will have more in common with an acquaintance than you thought at first. Do not do things merely because you have always done them; keep an open mind. Take the best possible care of your health. Be considerate.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You are more than usually likely to be distracted and must try hard to concentrate. If you are not careful you will make a mistake that could have been avoided. Do not let your emotions run wild. Be sensible.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

If you show kindness towards a friend it will be much appreciated. Whilst learning remember that ultimately it is practice that counts. Do not say something you do not mean. Be trustworthy.

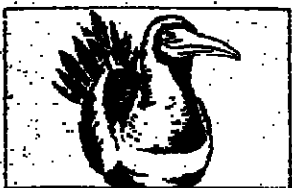


Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

If you tell a lie you will be found out, so make sure you tell the truth. Your lucky numbers are 26 and 37. You will be able to do something that interests you but do not neglect what has to be done either. Try to limit your expenditure. Be reliable.

Opposites from The Booby

Remember the newspaper cutting related to the Booby? Go and fetch it so that you can solve this puzzle...



S I T E L R U V D
T Z T H I C K X I
O J K T F C Q C F
G R A C E F U L F
E G D B X E E O E
T T N D G W T S R
H D E R A M I E E
E L A M E F H S N
R L R X Z R W V T

Directions: The words are hiding across, backwards, up, down or diagonally. The words are always in a straight line, never skip letters or go in circles.

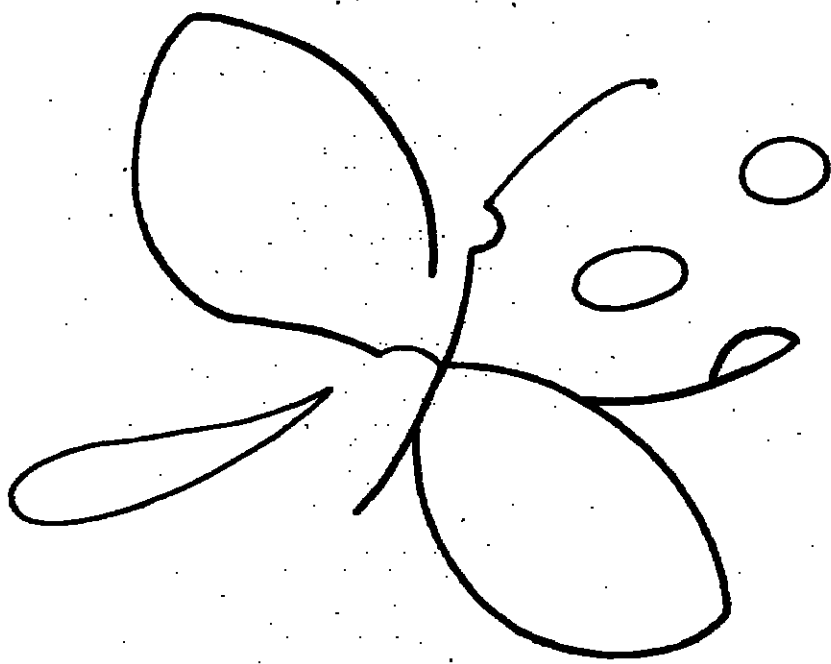
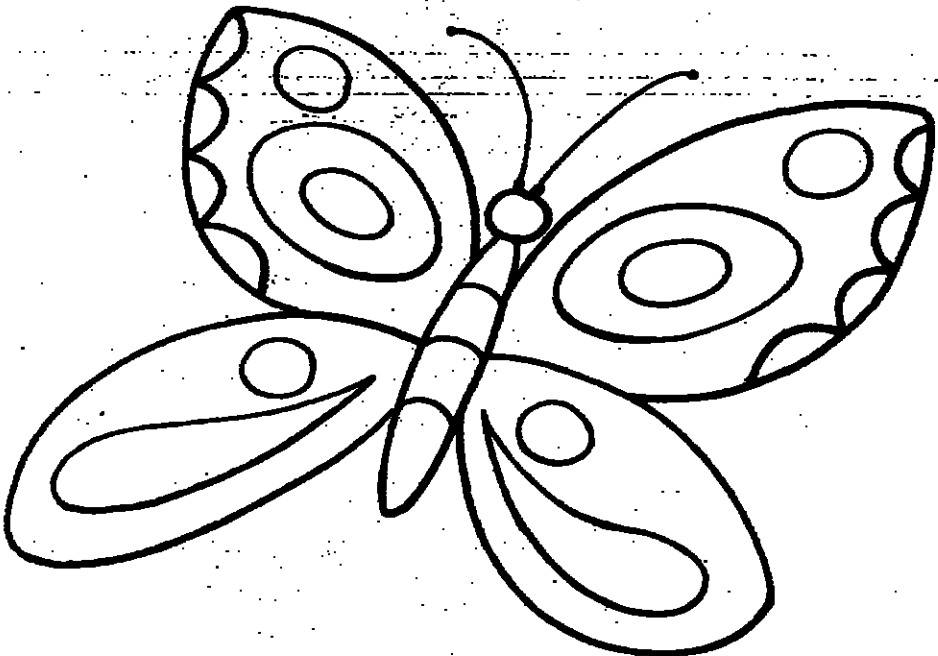
In the puzzle above are Hidden Words. These words are opposites of the words listed below. Each word in the puzzle can also be found in the story. Find the hidden words, circle them, and then fill in the opposite chart.

Word	Opposite
1. clumsy	1. _____
2. thin	2. _____
3. apart	3. _____
4. opens	4. _____
5. same	5. _____
6. death	6. _____
7. small	7. _____
8. far	8. _____
9. male	9. _____
10. black	10. _____

Bonus: Also find homonyms for read and sight.

Draw and colour

The two butterflies are waiting to be coloured! Copy the top picture to make the bottom picture similar, then colour the two butterflies in the brightest and boldest colours you find.



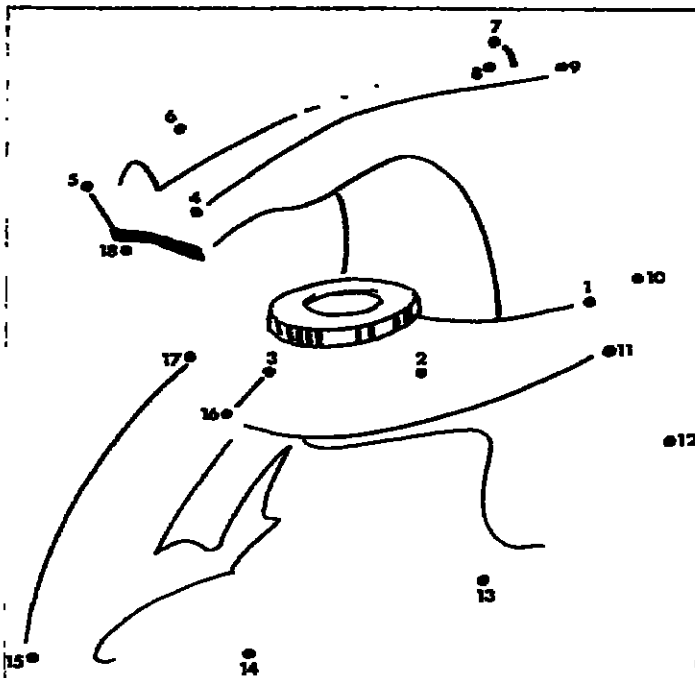
Spot the six mistakes in the picture below.



Dear Junior Readers,
During the past week, if you went out, you would have probably felt a strange kind of discomfort. Your clothes may have strangely stuck to your immediately damp body. Shakeness may have urged you to get out of your clothes. Water molecules, rather than sweat, would appear all over your arms, legs, face and anything else left bare.
If you've been in Kuwait for a few years, you are probably well adjusted to the sudden changes of weather, and would have been expecting this sort of weather since August. In fact we are extremely lucky that the humidity forgot to come and invade August!
Humidity, when in high percentage can be detected while sitting at home. The atmosphere will begin to smell damp, as if it has been spritzing outside and the window panes will become misty as the water evaporates on them. So if you are planning to go out, make sure you are going to an airconditioned building. Do not try to stay outside because it will be unbearable.
If you are caught outside when the weather changes into dramatic dampness, ensure that you dry yourself up as soon as you arrive home. Don't be tempted to cool down in front of the air conditioner as this will make you very ill.
The best thing to do is to have a cool shower and change into crispy clean clothes. You will feel so much better.
Mandi.

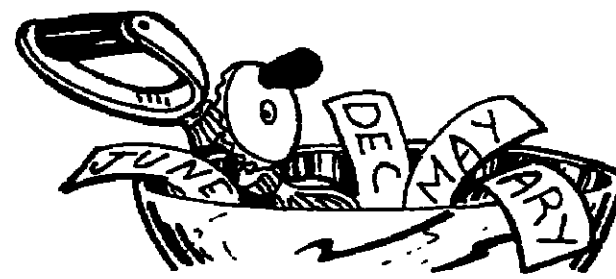
Dot-to-dot

Any of you have one of these at home. What do you use it for? After joining the dots, colour it in.



Scrambled months

Unscramble the letters of the words on the left to form the months of the year. Write the correct spellings on the lines on the right.



- 1) TEMSEPBER → _____
- 2) PRIAL → _____
- 3) NEJU → _____
- 4) RRUFYEBA → _____
- 5) RAMCH → _____
- 6) AGUUST → _____
- 7) AARJUNY → _____
- 8) LJUY → _____
- 9) BOOTCER → _____
- 10) YAM → _____
- 11) MERENBOV → _____
- 12) EMRDBEEC → _____

DECEMBER

Just for laughs!

Teacher: "Hey you, didn't you hear me shout at you?"
Kid: "Yes sir. But you said never to answer back."

Kid: "Cornflakes packet, old tin can, fishbones bottle and left over dinner."
Teacher: "Stop talking rubbish."

Kid: "Miss, my pen's run out."
Teacher: "Quick, run after it."

Kid: "Miss, miss, will you help me out?"
Teacher: "Yes, which way did you come in?"

Teacher: "What do we call the outside of a tree?"
Kid: "Don't know miss."

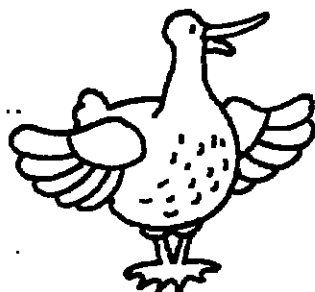
Teacher: "Bark, you silly girl, bark."
Kid: "Alright miss. Woof, woof, woof, woof."

Kid: "They're going to sell our teachers off at an auction."
Another Kid: "Really?"

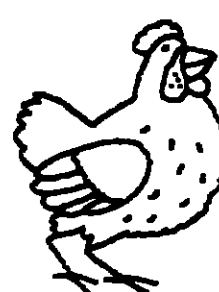
Kid: "Yes. They make a lot of money out of Old Masters."

What belongs?

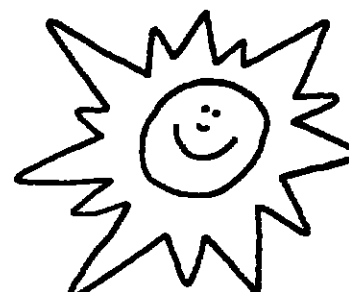
Colour in all of the pictures, then circle the picture that does not belong with the others



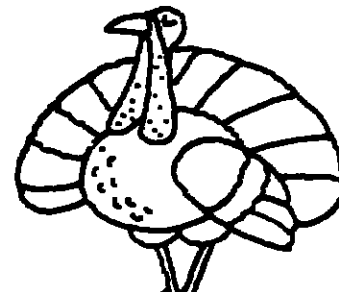
duck



chicken



sun



turkey

Young poet

EMOTIONS

When I am angry I see deep red as if it is blood.
When I am happy I see a bright yellow like the hot sands of a desert.
When I am sad I see a blue colour, so blue it looks like part of the sky.
When I am lonely I see a ghostly grey colour.
When I am afraid I see pure black.

COLOURFUL ME

My skin is brown.
The palm of my hand is pink.
My cheek is brown and round, like the bark of a tree.
My lips are red.
They are like a soft piece of silk.
My eyes are black in colour, they are like black buttons on a white background and when I cry my tears run down like a river on its way to the sea.
My teeth are as white as milk.
My legs are like long brown snakes pretending to be logs.

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Cup qualifier
LIMA, Sept 11. (Reuters): Bolivia beat Peru 2-1 (half time 1-0) in a South American Group One World Cup qualifying match yesterday. Scorers: Bolivia, Ramayo (46 minutes), Sanchez (80 minutes) Peru, Gonzalez (33 minutes).

Beaverton Open
BEAVERTON, Ore., Sept 11. (Reuters): Muffin Spencer-Devlin won her third career tournament with a one-under-par 71 to beat four other golfers and win the \$300,000 Beaverton Open tournament yesterday.

B.C. Open
ENDICOTT, N.Y., Sept 11. (Reuters): Mike Hubbert dropped an easy in to par the first sudden-death playoff hole and win the B.C. Open golf title over fellow-American Bob Ester yesterday.

Benfica triumph
LISBON, Sept 11. (Reuters): Four goals by Swedish striker Mats Magnusson helped Portuguese champions Benfica crush lowly Beira Mar 5-0 yesterday to give their first victory this season.

Paraguay win
ASUNCION, Sept 11. (Reuters): Paraguay beat Ecuador 2-1 (half time 1-0) in a World Cup qualifying soccer match yesterday to take the lead in the South American Group Two.

Mile race
BARCELONA, Spain Sept 11. (AP): Abdi Bile of Somalia, the World Cup 1,500-metre champion, has entered the Sept 23 Mercedes Mile on Fifth Avenue. Fred Lebow, director of the New York City race, said yesterday.

Auto rally
NORTH BAY, Ontario, Sept 11. (AP): American teammates Paul Choiniere and Tom Grimshaw piloted their Audi Quattro through pouring rain and mud-covered roads to win the Rally of the Voyageurs yesterday.

Unbeaten record
DUBLIN, Sept 11. (Reuters): Promising juvenile filly Chimes of Freedom retained her unbeaten record in spectacular fashion yesterday. She overcame the favourite, Pharaoh's Delight, by six lengths in the Moyglare Stud Stakes Group One horse race at the Curragh.

30-man squad
SYDNEY, Sept 11. (Reuters): Australia's Rugby Union selectors, with their eyes on the 1991 World Cup, today named an experienced 30-man squad laced with young hopefuls for the tour of France and Canada starting next month.

Italian soccer
ROME, Sept 11. (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division soccer matches yesterday.

Bologna	3	Bari	1
Cremone	0	Cosenza	0
Florentina	1	Lazio	0
Juventus	3	Ascoli	0
Lecco	2	Cesena	1
AC Milan	3	Udinese	1
Roma	4	Atalanta	1
Sampdoria	2	Interni	0
Verona	1	Napoli	2

Yacht race
PORT CERVO, Sardinia, Sept 11. (Reuters): Danish pair Anders Gert Jensen and Mogens just mastered shifting winds to win the first race of the star class Yachting World Championship yesterday.

Machiavellian wins
PARIS, Sept 11. (Reuters): Unbeaten English-trained colt Rock City could finish only fourth of six behind Machiavellian in the Group One Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp yesterday.

The seven furlong race for two-year-olds is often a pointer to future classic winners and bookmakers installed the winner as 10-1 favourite for the 1990 English 2,000 Guineas.

\$1,200 bribe
SYDNEY, Australia, Sept 11. (AP): An Australian Rugby League referee was offered a \$1,200 bribe to influence the result of a championship game played yesterday, police said today. Bruce Jacobson, who was scheduled to referee the Riverina District grand final between the Wagga Wagga Magpies and the Temora Dragons at Wagga Wagga, received \$200 in the mail on Thursday. \$1,000 was to be paid afterwards if he favoured Temora.

World bridge
PERTH, Sept 11. (Reuters): The World Bridge Team Championship for the Bermuda Bowl opened yesterday involving title-holders the United States, European champions Poland and eight countries which came through eliminating contests. Taiwan beat France 16-14, New Zealand beat Egypt 17-13, Australia beat Colombia 24-6 and Brazil beat Canada 20-10.

Kingdom runs fastest ever 110m hurdles

US and E. Germany triumph

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept 11. (Reuters): Roger Kingdom ran the fastest 110 metres hurdles ever yesterday as the US men's team successfully defended the athletics World Cup.

Kingdom, whose race was delayed for 90 minutes by torrential rain, clocked a wind-assisted 12.87 seconds.

The American, twice Olympic champion, set the world record of 12.92 in Zurich last month.

The US team captured the World Cup they won in 1979 and again four years ago while East Germany won the women's title

for a record fourth successive time.

Kingdom's run followed an interruption of two hours to the competition for a rain storm which threatened to bring a premature end to the three-day meeting.

But the rain relented and the race finally got under way with Kingdom getting a great start in the outside lane.

The powerful American knocked over the second and fifth barriers and seemed to run right through the final flight.

Britain's Olympic silver

medallist Colin Jackson, whose duels with Kingdom have provided some of the best track clashes of the year, finished second in 12.95 seconds.

"There are not many people who can say that they ran 12.95 and came second," Jackson said. "It's the fastest time I've ever run."

Cuban Ana Quirot, running for the America, captured her third title of the competition but needed a large slice of luck to add the 400 metres to her 800 and 4x400 relay gold medals.

Quirot slowed noticeably in

the final 80 metres, allowing Europe's Marie-Jose Perce to steal the race on the outside.

But after a protest by the American team, the Frenchwoman was disqualified for running out of lane and Quirot was elevated to first place.

Steve Backley, who has enjoyed a splendid year, clinched the javelin competition with his first throw of 85.90 metres, breaking his own British record.

Only four men have ever thrown further than the 20-year-old Backley, who has also won the Grand Prix javelin title and the

World Student Games gold medal in his first year of major competition.

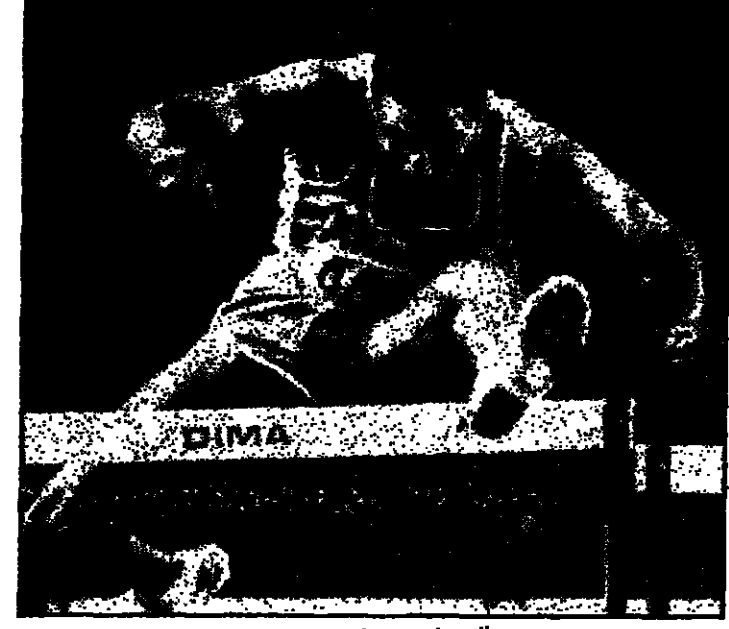
Robson da Silva of the Americas made up for the disappointment of losing in the Grand Prix final in Monaco last week with a superb run in the 200 metres.

Helped by a following wind of 1.81 metres a second, the Brazilian rocketed to victory in 20 seconds flat.

Africa's world champion and record holder Said Aouita was another comfortable winner in the 5,000 metres.



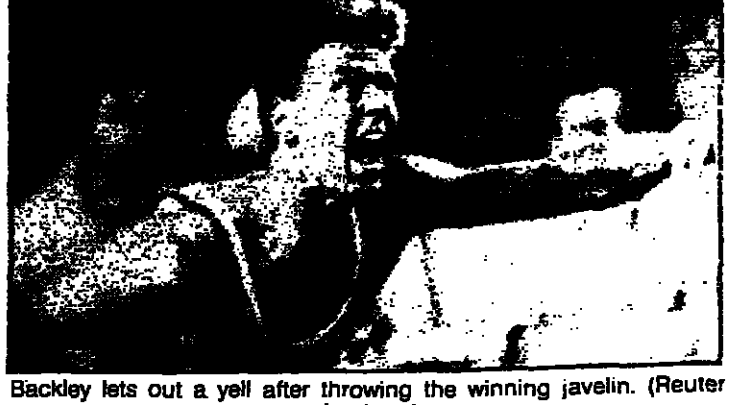
Kingdom (left) and Michael Conley (right) of the United States kiss E. Germany's Cornelia Osenkenat on the cheek during the trophy ceremony. (Reuters wirephoto).



Kingdom clears a hurdle. (Reuters wirephoto).



Aouita puts his arms in the air after winning the men's 5,000 metres. (Reuters wirephoto).



Backley lets out a yell after throwing the winning javelin. (Reuters wirephoto).



Sweden's Patrik Sjoberg clears the bar to set a new World Cup record. (Reuters wirephoto).

Dodgers blast Padres
Giants beat Astros

NEW YORK, Sept 11. (AP): Bob Knepper says he's not trying to get even with the Houston Astros but he's doing it anyway.

Knepper held his former teammates to five hits over six innings and Pat Sheridan hit a three-run double in the first inning yesterday as San Francisco beat Houston 5-3, dropping the Astros six games back in the National League West and giving the Giants their only victory of the three-game series.

Knepper was released by the Astros on July 28 and signed by the Giants on Aug 5. Yesterday, he gave up a two-run double to Gerald Young in the second inning and pitched out of a jam in the fifth.

"I have no animosity toward them," Knepper said. "Some of those guys over there are my best friends. I played with some of them nine years."

Dodgers 14, Padres 8
Mickey Hatcher, Rick Dempsey and Eddie Murray homered at Jack Murphy stadium as Los Angeles posted season highs with 14 runs and 19 hits. San Diego remained tied with Houston in second place in the West, six games behind San Francisco.

John Shelby and Dave Anderson had three hits each for the Dodgers and Anderson and Murray drove in three runs apiece.

Cubs 4, Cardinals 1
Steve Wilson, who pitched in relief a day earlier, struck out 10 in five innings as four Chicago pitchers combined to fan 18 at Wrigley Field. Chicago widened its National League East lead over the Cardinals to 2 1/2 games. The Cubs, who won two of three from the Cardinals, lead Montreal by four games and the New York Mets by 4 1/2.

Phillies 4, Expos 2
Rookie Pat Combs struck out eight in seven innings for his first Major-League victory. Montreal has lost eight of 13 games and 23 of 36.

Combs, 1-0, allowed one run and seven hits and walked one in his second major-league start. Roger McDowell pitched two innings of four-hit relief for his 18th save.

Results			
American League		National League	
Toronto	5	Cleveland	4
Detroit	6	Chicago	5
Minnesota	8	Kansas City	2
Texas	8	Baltimore	2
Oakland	6	New York	1
California	8	Boston	2
Milwaukee	7	Seattle	1
Pittsburgh	4	New York	1
Philadelphia	4	Montreal	2
Cincinnati	3	Atlanta	4
Chicago	4	St. Louis	4
San Francisco	5	Houston	3
Los Angeles	14	San Diego	8

Australians lose opener

NEW DELHI, India, Sept 11. (AP): Western Australia lost by 10 runs to a South Indian team in a limited overs match yesterday despite the top team score of 42 by Graeme Wood, according to news reports.

Press Trust of India said the touring team could manage 236 for six in the allotted 45 hours in reply to the 246 for nine by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association XI.

The match, the first of the three-match tour, was played at the Nehru stadium of Coimbatore city in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

The local team's effort was aided by opener V.B. Chandrashekar's 83 and an unbeaten 63 by P.C. Prakash, PTI said.

The news agency said the Western Australian innings were opened by

Andrews and Brayshaw who doggedly pushed the score steadily up with singles and twos.

Brayshaw made 23 and was replaced by the lanky Tom Moody who with a few hard strokes made 36, including a six over the Midwicket. He was involved in a 60-run partnership with Andrews before being bowled by K. Srikanth, PTI said.

Western Australia's top scorer was the left-handed Wood who remained not out at 42 when time and overs ran out for his team. His 120-minute knock included six fours and a six.

The Tamil Nadu innings began disastrously when Srikanth, who also opens for India's Test side, was bowled by Peter Capes in the first over, the report said.



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Murray with his trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

Murray holds off Nobilo

TADWORTH, England, Sept 11. (Reuters): Andrew Murray of Britain, after 11 winless years in Europe as a professional, entered the realm of champions of completing a fairytale victory in the European Golf Open yesterday.

The 33-year-old Englishman, whose career could be cut short in the next year or two by a bone condition called spondylitis in his left hip, led after every round and resisted the mounting pressure just well enough for a one-shot triumph.

"I cannot talk. At the 18th I could not feel my hands and yipped my first putt past the flag," Murray said. "I cannot believe this. I kept not thinking about winning."

He wobbled slightly over the closing holes with bogeys at the 14th and 16th but his only serious challenger, Frank Nobilo of New Zealand, bogeyed both as well. Murray finished with a

level-par 72 for 277, 11 under par, with Nobilo one behind after a 70 for 278.

Murray entered the final day with a three-shot lead after earlier rounds of 66-68-71, but his margin vanished after just three holes when he bogeyed the first while the New Zealander birdied two and three.

But Nobilo dropped back with a bogey at the fourth and Murray was never headed after that.

Both birdied the sixth, Murray moved two in front with a birdie two at nine but Nobilo pulled it back to be one behind when he birdied 11. They matched each other stroke for stroke over the last seven holes.

British Ryder Cup player Sam Torrance took third spot with a 70 to finish two shots further back, one ahead of Ryder Cup team-mate Ian Woosnam of Britain and Australian Craig Parry.

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Navratilova takes home consolation prize

NEW YORK, Sept. 11, (Reuters). Martina Navratilova let the US Open singles title slip from her grasp but will not leave Flushing Meadows empty handed.

Twenty-four hours after losing the final to Steffi Graf, Navratilova teamed with Hana Mandlikova yesterday to win the doubles title with a 5-7-6-4-6-4 victory over long-time partner Pam Shriver and American compatriot Mary

Joe Fernandez.

Navratilova said the victory helped to ease the pain, but admitted that she put more than a little pressure on herself to win the doubles.

"If we had lost I would really be devastated," said the world number two after winning her 28th Grand Slam doubles title. "This helps a lot."

"I had nightmares about a couple of points that could have turned the match my way," she

said of her 3-6 7-5 6-1 loss to Graf, a match in which Navratilova appeared on her way to a fifth US Open title.

"I don't think I ever lost being up like that in a Grand Slam," said Navratilova, still shaking her head about watching a 6-3 4-2 lead evaporate.

Meanwhile, as Chris Evert steps down from Grand Slam women's competition, a talented youngster from the same Florida area looks

ready to step right up.

Thirteen-year-old Jennifer Capriati, a two-fisted backhand from Fort Lauderdale just like her idol Evert, beat Australian Rachel McQuillan 6-2 6-3 yesterday to win the US Open junior girls' championship.

Capriati's sizzling groundstrokes and aggressive pursuit of every point proved too much for the blonde Australian, who is 17.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Millat Trophy

THE Quaid-e-Millat Trophy cricket tournament is scheduled to start at the Quaid-e-Millat cricket ground on Friday, Sept. 22. A meeting in this connection will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Najmatul Khaless Hotel at 8.00 pm. For further information contact Naem Hashmi, Tel. 2651924.

Italians triumph

BLD, Yugoslavia, Sept. 11, (Reuters). Italian brothers Carmine and Giuseppe Abbagnale embellished their record as one of the most successful coxed pairs of all time when they won their fifth world title at the World Rowing Championships yesterday. The double Olympic champions, who have a reputation for squabbling and striking much more harmony in a boat than out of it, led from start to finish to hold off Romanian oarsmen Dragos Neagu and Ioan Saepe and win by over two seconds.

Argentine star

NAPLES, Italy, Sept. 11, (AP). Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona, rejoining his team following an unauthorized extension of his vacation, may make his season debut for Napoli in Wednesday's UEFA Cup first-round match against Sporting Lisbon. Manager Alberto Bigon said today that Maradona, who resumed training last week and missed four rounds of the Italian major league, will be sitting on the bench in Portugal.

Nimeno hurt

MARSEILLE, France, Sept. 11, (UPI). Nimeno II, France's best known matador, remained hospitalized in critical condition today after a 1,200-pound (549 kg) bull tossed him into the air during a bullfight in Arles, doctors said. Christian Montcouquiol, better known as Nimeno II, fractured two cervical vertebrae last night while fighting one of the legendary Miura bulls, known for their ferocity.

Icelandic title

REYKJAVIK, Sept. 11, (UPI). Neither of the two top contenders for the Icelandic Soccer Championship title have ever won the League before and they will face two bottom teams in the final round next week. Current leader Hafnarfjorður, from Iceland's second largest city, was promoted to the top division this season and has 32 points one ahead of Akureyr.

Soccer club

MULHOUSE, France, Sept. 11, (UPI). The Mulhouse Soccer Club's head coach and several players are considering leaving the club following the resignation of president Andre Goerg. Goerg announced his resignation over the weekend after the First Division Club's financial troubles were detailed in a local newspaper.

Fans jailed

CAEN, France, Sept. 11, (UPI). Two soccer fans have been jailed following a fire during a Saturday night match between Caen and Caen in Malherbe stadium. Police said the two Nantes supporters were trying to light fireworks when the fire broke out. Several spectators were slightly injured in the blaze, which was quickly brought under control.

World champion

PARIS, Sept. 11, (AP). World champion cyclist Greg Lemond of the United States has signed a contract with a French team, the French television network Antenne 2 reported today. Lemond, who won the Tour de France this year for the second time, has received a number of lucrative offers following his victory at the World Championships in Chambéry, Aug. 27.

Agreement violated

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 11, (UPI). The Danish Soccer Union (DBU) has accused its Romanian counterpart of violating a common agreement by not informing them of an international friendly Romania played against Portugal on Aug. 31. Denmark meets Romania in a vital World Cup qualifier and could have used the friendly to see its opponents in action, but only read about the Portugal-Romania game after it had been played.

Foul play

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 11, (UPI). Foul play has proved expensive in the Danish Soccer League First Division this season. To encourage sportsmanship, a Danish bank deposited DKK 100,000 (\$13,000) in a fair play account for each club in the League, but withdrew DKK 5,000 (\$750) for each yellow card and DKK 50,000 (\$7,500) for each red card the club received. After 19 rounds only Herfølge, B1903 Copenhagen and B1913 Odense had money left.

Fifa decision

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 11, (UPI). More than 100 police infantry surrounded the Brazilian embassy today to prevent attacks following the decision of Fifa, the world governing body, to award a disputed game in the World Cup elimination series to Brazil.

Becker wins US Open

Lendl fails to stop W. German



Becker holds his trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEW YORK, Sept. 11, (Reuters). Boris Becker proved his Grand Slam versatility by beating world number one Ivan Lendl 7-6, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 to win the US Open tennis championship yesterday.

Becker, a three-time Wimbledon champion, had never before reached a Grand Slam final anywhere but on the centre court grass at the All England Club.

The West German blasted in his 11th ace of the contest to reach match point at 6-4 in the final-set tiebreak.

He followed with another bullet service winner to finish off the three-hour, 51-minute match.

After luxuriating in a triumphant freeze with his arms fixed over his head, the 21-year-old Becker turned and hurled his racket some 30 rows up into Louis Armstrong Stadium to celebrate his breakthrough.

Adding confident groundstroke drives to his renowned serve-and-volley arsenal, the West German had topped the top seed and three-time champion in his own backyard and on his favourite surface.

Lendl, a native Czechoslovak who now resides in nearby Greenwich, Connecticut, was making a record-tying eighth straight appearance in the US Open final, matching the mark set by Bill Tilden from 1918 to 1925.

Becker, whose win gave West

Germany a rare double following Steffi Graf's triumph in women's singles, was making the only appearance in an Open final by a West German man since Baron Gottfried von Gramsch lost to Don Budge at the 1937 US National Championship.

Becker played his best power tennis in the two tiebreaks that carried him to victory in a match begun in sweltering heat at the National Tennis Centre.

The West German raced out to a 5-0 lead in the opening-set decider and went on to win it 7-2, firing in all five of his first serves along the way.

Lendl and Becker traded the next two sets before battling their way into another end-of-set showdown.

Lendl had shown his fighting spirit by climbing back into the fourth set with a service break in the eighth game achieved through a pair of backhand winners from the second deuce of the game.

But Lendl could not come close to taking another break as his usually reliable groundstrokes sprayed wide and long and Becker always seemed to find the big serve when he needed it.

Becker nearly broke again in the 11th game of the final set as Lendl held off a break point to lead 6-5. An emphatic ace by Becker to end the next game set the stage for the climatic tiebreak.



Lendl shows his frustration as he goes down to defeat. (Reuters wirephoto)

Chile reacts to Fifa decision with anger

Cup ruling criticized

SANTIAGO, Sept. 11, (Reuters). Chileans reacted with a mixture of anger and resignation to a Fifa ruling yesterday which put three-times champions Brazil through to the 1990 World Cup finals and eliminated Chile.

"The decision was expected. But it is too much that they are thinking of bringing disciplinary measures against (goalkeeper Roberto) Rojas," Sergio Stoppel, president of the Chilean Football Federation, said in a radio interview from the international football federation's headquarters in Zurich.

"Once again we have become victims of a huge farce," said leading sports commentator Pedro Carcuro on national television.

The ruling on which of the two countries went through to the finals in Italy followed the suspension of their qualifying tie in Rio de Janeiro last Sunday after a missile was thrown onto the pitch, apparently injuring Rojas, the Chilean captain.

Rojas, who was carried from the pitch, said he had been hit in the face by a flare thrown from out of the 140,000-strong crowd at Rio's Maracana stadium.

"Fifa has done something totally wrong which bears no relation to what happened in Maracana. I saw Rojas bleeding and now they are doubting his injury," said Chilean midfielder Jaime Pizarro.

Fifa said Rojas would also face a disciplinary committee hearing.

The decision was expected. There are too many economic interests involved," said Sergio Santander, president of the Chile Olympic Committee.

Al Wazzan starts practice

KUWAIT'S Tareq Al Wazzan arrived in Amman on Sunday to begin his practice for the BP 2000 Trophy Jordan Raid on Thursday and Friday (September 14th and 15th). Al Wazzan and Khaled Khalifa have to familiarise themselves with a completely new car, a Marlboro-Mitsubishi Sonauto Pajero, built in Kuwait and powered by a 250 p.s. engine, capable of 200 kph.

Although this is Wazzan's second outing with the Marlboro-Mitsubishi Rallyart team, it will be his first time driving this car, which was originally designed as rapid assistance vehicle for rally raid type events like the famed Paris-Dakar rally. He also has the luxury of a fully professional back-up from the Rallyart team.

"It's great working with such a capable team," said the Marlboro veteran shortly before leaving Kuwait. "It won't be like last year when I was forced out of the Bahrain rally because I had inadequate back-up. I was leading when I pulled out of that event, but with a team of this calibre behind me, that sort of problem should be a thing of the past, and I can just get on with the driving."

The Marlboro-Mitsubishi Rallyart team manager is Jan Lindstrom, who helped bring Lassi Lampi to the Middle East Group A Championship title in 1987.

"Tareq deserves the opportunity of driving a works car," said Khaled Khalifa, his co-driver, with whom Wazzan won the previous Jordan four wheel drive rally in 1987. "The stages are short enough to be competitive all the way, and we will push hard for a good result."

The rally takes place in two sections. The first is a prologue in which the competitors run a "super special" stage against the clock. The results will decide the starting order for the following day. The rally proper will consist of 13 special stages in the region of the Queen Alia International Airport. Wazzan and Khalifa will have some nine and a half hours of rallying on Friday.

The Marlboro-Mitsubishi team will be running three cars, the other two of which will be driven by Abbas Al Mousawi of Qatar, last year's champion, and Mamdouh Khatayef of Saudi Arabia.

Other strong contenders are likely to be the current Middle East Champion, Mohammed Bin Sulayem, driving a Toyota Landcruiser, Prince Abdullah of Jordan who has notched a formidable reputation as a rally driver with his entries in the Middle East Championship, and Michel Saleh, one of the Gulf's fastest and most unpredictable drivers who recently won the Jordan Hill Climb.

Carlyon edges past Faheem

HONG KONG, Sept. 11, (AP). Australian Mark Carlyon beat Pakistan's Faheem Khan 15-11, 15-5, 12-15, 6-15, 15-12 today and advanced to the main draw of the \$50,000 Cathay Pacific-Dunlop Hong Kong Open squash tournament.

Carlyon, who joined professional ranks in May and is now ranked 54th, came back from the brink of defeat to beat Faheem.

In another match, England's Mark Cairns eliminated compatriot Geoff Williams 15-7, 15-12, 15-14.

Other English players qualifying for the tournament proper, which starts tomorrow, include Jason Nicol, Paul Gregory and Bryan Beeson.

Cowboys and Steelers collect ducks in openers

National Football League season starts

NEW YORK, Sept. 11, (AP). The red carpet went out for five new coaches in the NFL yesterday. But Carson and George Seifert got the royal treatment, but the rug was pulled out from under Jimmy Johnson and two others.

Guided by the precise hand of Bobby Hebert, the New Orleans Saints handed the Cowboys a 28-0 loss in Johnson's first game as a pro coach.

Carson launched his coaching career at Cleveland with a 51-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers, for whom he used to be defensive coach.

Seifert, meanwhile, guided the defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers to a 30-24 victory over the Indianapolis Colts in his first game since replacing the retired Bill Walsh.

In his debut with San Diego, Dan Henning saw the Chargers fall 40-14 to the Los Angeles Raiders, and Denver defeated Kansas City 34-20 in Marty Schottenheimer's first game as Chiefs head coach.

Saints 28, Cowboys 0
New Orleans' defence held Dallas to just 20 yards total rushing.

Derrick Shepard turned in the game's big play, a 56-yard punt return for a touchdown just before the first half ended.

Browns 51, Steelers 0

Carson's revamped Browns defence forced eight turnovers, including five fumbles, and sacked quarterback Bobby Brister five times in the worst defeat

in the Steelers' 58-year history. David Grayson scored on a 28-yard fumble return and a 14-yard interception.

49ers 30, Colts 24
Roger Craig scored two touchdowns, and Jerry Rice caught a 58-yard scoring pass from Joe Montana as the 49ers beat Indianapolis.

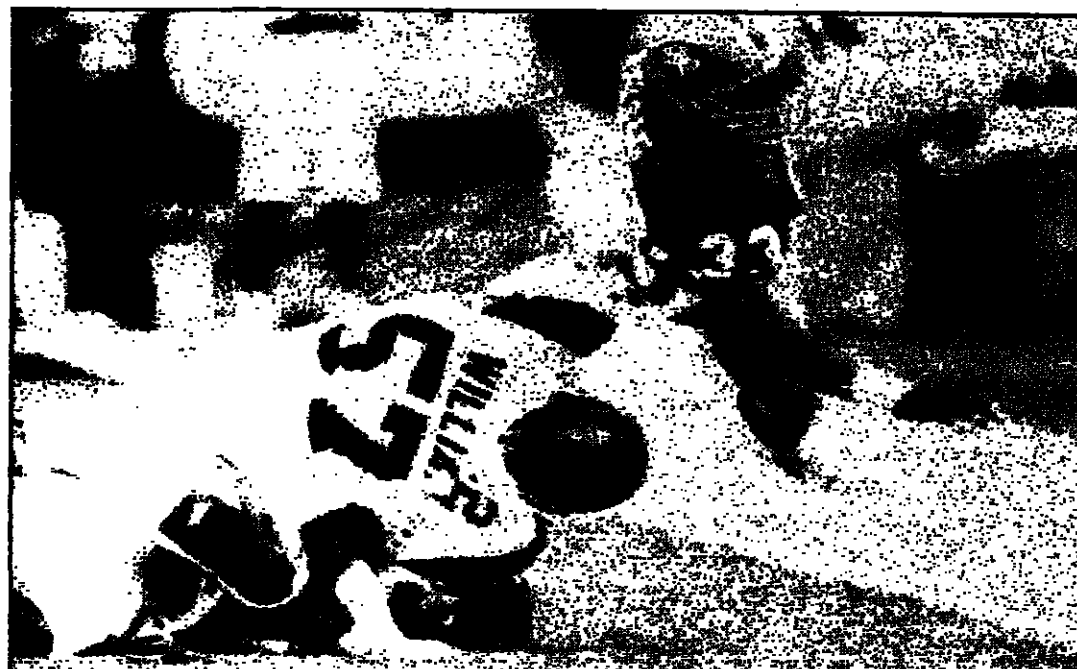
The touchdown reception was the 50th of Rice's career. Raiders 40, Chargers 14
Steve Buerlein replaced injured Raiders quarterback Jay Schroeder in the first quarter and passed for 206 yards and two touchdowns as Los Angeles spoiled Henning's debut.

Jim McMahon, traded to San Diego from Chicago, completed just seven of 18 passes for 91 yards and was replaced by David Archer midway through the third quarter.

Broncos 34, Chiefs 20
Denver converted four Kansas City turnovers into 24 points, including touchdowns on interception returns by Tyrone Braxton and Randy Robbins, as Schottenheimer lost in his first game as Chiefs coach. Schottenheimer had been 0-4 against Denver before his falling out with Browns owner Art Modell.

Bears 17, Bengals 14
Mike Tomczak rallied not only himself but also the Bears to victory with a 20-yard touchdown pass to James Thornton in the fourth quarter.

Buccaneers 23, Packers 21
Lars Tate scored on two short



Roger Craig (right) scored two touchdowns.

touchdown runs, set up by the passing of Vinny Testaverde, and Mark Robinson intercepted a pass by Green Bay quarterback Don Majkowski at the 8-yard line with five minutes left, stopping a final packers drive.

Rams 31, Falcons 21
Jim Everett threw for one touchdown and ran for another as the Rams upstaged the splashy debut of Atlanta's baseball-playing kick-return man, Deion San-

ders. Everett threw a 46-yard "Hail Mary" scoring scoring pass to Henry Ellard on the final play of the first half, giving the Rams a 17-14 lead.

Cardinals 16, Lions 13
Al Del Greco's 33-yard field goal with 13 seconds broke a tie and helped Phoenix beat the Lions, all-America holdout from Oklahoma State, Barry Sanders, made an impressive debut.

Sanders, who held out until

Thursday, came into the game in the third quarter and led the Lions on a scoring drive with runs of 18, 3, 5, and 3 yards before he blasted 2 yards into the end zone with 3:01 left in the quarter.

Patriots 27, Jets 24
Reggie Dupard's 4-yard scoring run with 1:55 to play helped New England beat New York after blowing a 21-point halftime lead. The Jets scored 24 points in the second half, taking a 24-21

lead when Ken O'Brien connected with Jojo Townsell on a 49-yard touchdown pass with 7:28 left.

Eagles 31, Seahawks 7
Randall Cunningham passed for 240 yards and two touchdowns, leading Philadelphia over Seattle. The Eagles' defence, which scored one touchdown, had three interceptions, three sacks, a blocked punt and held Seattle to 77 yards rushing.

Bills 27, Dolphins 24
Jim Kelly scored on a 2-yard run up the middle as time expired, completing a rally from 11 points back as Buffalo beat Miami.

Trailing 24-20, the Bills got the ball back on Nate Odomes' second interception of Dan Marino with 1:44 left at the Buffalo 49.

Vikings 38, Oilers 7
Anthony Carter caught seven passes for 23 yards to lead Minnesota. Carter and Wade Wilson connected three times on the seven-play, 80-yard drive, which included the two on a 32-yard touchdown pass, that tied the game 7-7.

Results
L.A. Rams 31 Atlanta 21
Chicago 17 Cincinnati 13
Phoenix 16 Detroit 14
Tampa Bay 23 Green Bay 21
San Francisco 30 Indianapolis 24
New Orleans 28 Dallas 0
Denver 34 Kansas City 20
L.A. Raiders 40 San Diego 14
Buffalo 27 Miami 24
Minnesota 38 New York 7
Philadelphia 31 Seattle 0
Cleveland 31 Pittsburgh 7

Ashok outplays Thomas

T. ASHOK KUMAR had the easiest of matches on Sunday in the Indian Arts Circle Badminton Tournament, sponsored by KITEC.

Ashok hardly worked up any sweat as he crushed Mathen Thomas 15-3 15-2 in the men's singles on the 4th day of the event.

While Kumar had an easy time, Jojo was made to fight for victory over M.D. Varghese. Jojo took the first set 15-6 before Varghese fought back to level the match by taking the second set 15-9. Jojo, however, won the third set 15-6 to take the game.

Sunday's results

Men's singles: J. Ashok Kumar beat Mathen Thomas, 15-3, 15-2; Jojo defeated M.D. Varghese 15-6, 9-15, 15-6; Sivakumar beat Madha 15-4, 15-6; George Chacko beat A.R. Vashista 15-3, 15-10; J.S. Anand defeated Alex Mathew 15-6, 15-11; Remy Joseph beat Mohan George 15-4, 15-4; Matthew N.C. beat K. Venkataraman 15-5, 15-2; Jacob T. beat Stephen P. 15-4, 15-11; Remy Joseph beat V. Jayaraman 15-2, 15-5.

Gent's doubles: K.S. Jose and Johnson Varghese beat Karim and Thampappan 15-1, 15-7.

Junior boys' singles: Geki George beat Kapil Naji 15-4, 15-1.

Junior girls' singles: Simi Mathew beat Reshmi Ashok 15-11, 8-11, 11-6.

Veteran's singles: R.P. Thakkar beat V. Venugopal 15-2, 15-2.

Mixed doubles: Reshmi Edison and Sivakumar beat Saravanna Mathew and Rajan Daniel 15-7, 15-5.

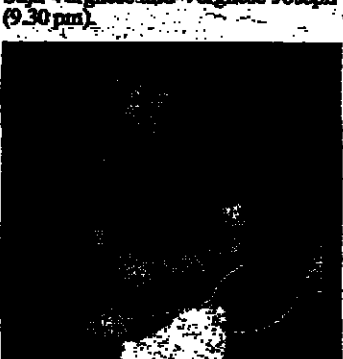
Couple's doubles: Remy Thakkar and Bobby Thakkar defeated De (Mrg) Saravastava and Dr. Srivastava 15-4, 15-9.

Today's fixtures:

Gent's singles: Cherian A. vs Bijoy M. (7.30 pm), Siva Kumar vs Bobby Thakkar (8.00 pm), J.S. Anand vs Louis Gonsalves or Desamp Salgal (8.00 pm), Jojo vs Remy Varghese or K.S. Jose (8.30 pm), Remy Joseph vs Jacob T. (9.00 pm).

Gent's doubles: Mathen Thomas and Alex Mathew vs V. Jayaraman and K. Venkataraman (7.30 pm), Edison and Jacob T. vs Bijoy M. and Philip Cherian (9.00 pm), Siva Varghese and Varghese Joseph vs Muraleedharan and G.S. Anand or Lal and Partner (7.00 pm), Jojo and George Chacko vs Bal Sharma and M.M. Joshi or Mohan George and Bobby Thakkar (7.00 pm), Remy Joseph and Louis Gonsalves vs Joseph Philip and Koby George or Cherian Philip and Rajan Daniel (9.30 pm).

Mixed doubles: Reshmi Ashok and J. Ashok Kumar vs Simi Mathew and Matthew N.C. (8.30 pm), Remy Ashok and M.D. Varghese vs Siva Varghese and Varghese Joseph (9.30 pm).



Ashok Kumar

Hermann back for World Cup soccer clash

GENEVA, Sept. 11, (Reuters). Switzerland's veteran soccer captain Heinz Hermann, rested for the friendly against Brazil in June, was recalled today for the World Cup European Group Seven qualifying game against Portugal on September 20.

National coach Uli Stielens named the 29-year-old Hermann, who plays for League leaders Neuchatel Xamax and has been capped a record 93 times, in his squad for the match in Neuchatel.

Experienced Servette Geneva midfielder Lucien Favre, also rested for the Brazil game which resulted in an historic 1-0 win for the Swiss, is back in the 16-man squad.

Lausanne defender Dominique Herr is expected to win his first cap.

West German Stielke will be facing his first real test since he replaced Daniel Jeandupont who was dismissed in May after a string of poor results.

Squad: Martin Brunner, Stefan Lehmann, Herbert Baumgart, Alain Geiger, Marcel Koller, Dominique Herr, Stefan Marini, Martin Weber, Stephane Chapuisat, Christian Colombo, Lucien Favre, Heinz Hermann, Blaise Piffaretti, Beat Suter, Kubilay Turkylmaz, Dario Zuffi.